



# SAINTS SCENE



**BEANIE HISTORY.** Edwin Hearn, our school President has written a short history of the beloved tradition of the Saints Beanie. Go to the Back Page to read.

## Welcome to the Saints Experience

By Jacob Pajimola ('23)  
Associated Student Body, President



Jacob Pajimola

Welcome and or welcome back to Saints and to a thrilling school year ahead. I hope all of you have enjoyed your summer break and were allowed the opportunity to spend quality time

*Continued on page 9*

## ...The Road Together

### Defining the Saints Experience

By Edwin Hearn,  
President, St. Augustine High School



President Edwin Hearn

In my 16 years at St. Augustine High School, I have observed on multiple occasions that our young men graduate with a unique experience that differs from those of their brothers, yet will be brothers—many of which for life. We call this the “*Saints Experience.*”

In mid-August, just prior to the beginning of classes, the Alumni Association kicked off the school year with their annual golf tournament. It was played at Steele Canyon Golf Club and was sold out in just a few weeks. As I greeted these Saintsmen, I was enthralled by the age difference of these men, dads who had graduated years ago with their graduate sons enjoying the

*Continued on page 18*

## Becoming Uncommon Dear Saintsmen, Families & Community



Principal James Horne

Preaching to the world the Gospel values of Unity, Truth and Love is not all that common. At Saints, it has been our mission for 100 years. It is what we do, and the

way we choose to inspire, educate and lead young men. Our mission is to help young men become uncommon. To do this we focus on Catholic and Augustinian values that create an educational experience which appreciates more than G.P.A.'s and test scores

Schools everywhere are focused on standards, curriculum and student learning. Look around ... this is the common work of schools. Often, there's nothing wrong with the

*Continued on page 18*

## School Signs Textbook Deal Gives Parents Options to Buy or Rent Textbooks



The school is pleased to announce that it's continuing its partnership with Follett as our school's preferred and only textbook provider. The agreement is set for the 2022-23 school year.

*Continued on page 9*

# 2022-2023

# THE BIG CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER 2022

### September 5

NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

### September 7

Parent Pledge Meeting – 5:00 pm

Saints Meet the Teacher Night – 6:30 pm

### September 9

Last Day to Drop or Add a Class

### September 16

Centennial Mass (GYM)

### September 19–23

Frosh Welcome Week

### September 24 & 25

Frosh Retreat

## OCTOBER, 2022

### October 2

Father/Son Breakfast

### October 5 & 6

8th Grade Visitation Days

### October 12

Testing Day – PSAT Test

### October 14

Homecoming Game

### October 15

Homecoming Dance

### October 21

End of First Quarter

### October 24

Second Quarter Begins

### October 26

APA College Topics Night – 6:30 pm

### October 26–28

Kairos Retreat

### October 31

Frosh Dance Lessons – 3:00–4:00 pm

## NOVEMBER 2021

### November 1–4

Frosh Dance Lessons – 2:30–3:30 pm

### November 6

Open House: 11:00 am – All Incoming 9th

Grade Applicants Invited

### November 11

NO SCHOOL – Offices Closed – Veterans Day

### November 16

Sophomore Parent College Night – 6:30 pm

### November 23–28

NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Holiday

### November 29

Saints Community Day of Service

## DECEMBER 2022

### December 13

Semester Exams

8:30 am Block 1

10:30 am Block 2

### December 14

Semester Exams

8:30 am Block 3

10:30 am Block 4

### December 15

Semester Exams

8:30 am Block 5

10:30 am Block 6

### December 16

No Classes/End of 1st Semester/ Christmas

Holiday Begins

## JANUARY 2023

### January 3

Intercession Classes Begin @ 7:45 am

### January 16

NO SCHOOL – Offices Closed – Martin Luther

King Holiday

### January 21

High School Entrance Exam

for Incoming 9th Graders

**January 23**

Financial Aid Deadline for Freshman families & returning families with an incoming Freshman

**January 25**

Juniors Parent College Night

**January 26 & 27**

Frosh Course Selection Days

**January 27**

Intersession Ends

**January 31**

2nd Semester Begins

**FEBRUARY 2023****February 1 & 2**

Junior Course Selection Days

**February 4**

Admission Interviews for Incoming 9th Grade Students

**February 8 & 9**

Sophomore Course Selection Days

**February 10**

Last Day to Drop or Add a Class

**February 20**

NO SCHOOL – Offices Closed  
President’s Day

**MARCH 2023****March 10**

Junior Pilgrimage – NO CLASSES for 9th, 10th and 12th Grade

**March 13**

NO SCHOOL – Professional Growth (Faculty)

**March 17**

Junior Mass and Brunch

**March 20**

Financial Aid Deadline – Sophomore, Junior, and Senior families that do not have an incoming Freshman

**March 22**

New Family Night – 5:30 pm

**March 24**

Grandparents Day  
Third Quarter Ends

**March 27**

Fourth Quarter Begins

**March 29–31**

Kairos Retreat

March 30

Austin Exams

**APRIL 2023****April 6**

NO SCHOOL – Easter Break Begins

**April 17**

End of Easter Break

**April 23**

Senior Mother/Son Luncheon

**April 24**

Sophomore Retreat

**MAY 2023****May 6**

Senior Prom

**May 12**

Senior Grad Night

**May 13**

Saints “Taste of Saints” Event

**May 18**

Underclass Awards Assembly

**May 19**

Senior Class Awards Assembly  
Graduation Practice and Senior March

**May 22**

Senior Exams

8:30 am: Senior Math Final Exam

10:30 am: Senior Social Studies Final Exam

**May 23**

Senior Exams

8:30 am: Senior English Final Exam

10:30 am: Senior Religion Final Exam

**May 24**

Senior Exams

8:30 am: Senior World Languages Final Exam

10:30 am: Senior Science Final Exam

**May 26**

Baccalaureate Mass and  
Graduation – 9:30am (GYM)

**May 29**

NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day

**May 31**

Semester Exams Underclassmen

8:30 am Block 1

10:30 am Block 2

**JUNE 2023****June 1**

Semester Exams Underclassmen

8:30 am Block 3

10:30 am Block 4

**June 2**

Semester Exams Underclassmen

8:30 am Block 5

10:30 am Block 6

**June 12**

Summer School Begins

# New Saints Board Chairman Introduces Himself

By William R. Hamlin



**Bill Hamlin**

Our family came to San Diego almost 250 years ago, travelling here from Spain with Father Serra in 1769. We have a deep and abiding love for this city, and the people in it.

Although I had several friends who went to Saints when I was in high school, I did not. I attended Point Loma High School, as did my three siblings, and it is where I met my beautiful wife, Jane. Point Loma High was also where my parents met, graduating from there in the early 1940s. Jane and I had always assumed that our children would attend there as well, but when it came time to make that decision for my eldest son, Billy

(Class of 2007), he wanted us to consider St. Augustine High School and, after getting to know the school and its teachers, staff and alumni, it was clearly the right choice to send him there, and we have never regretted that decision.

Since that time, we have had our other two sons (Jack, Class of 2015 and Richie, Class of 2017) graduate from here, as well as both of our daughters graduate from OLP. Additionally, I have two nephews who graduated from Saints, and a niece from OLP.

Although we made this choice for our sons, I have benefitted from my association with the school as well. In 2004, I was honored to be offered a seat on the Saints' Finance Committee, getting the opportunity to help steer the school as they headed into a significant building campaign that would literally re-envision and re-build the school from the ground up. Later, I was invited to join the Board of Directors of Saints, and I currently remain on both the Finance Committee and the Board, where I hold the position of Chairman.

I have worked in real estate development my entire life, and I have watched as communities we designed and buildings we planned become reality, and I have been fortunate to watch young families move into their new home in a new, pristine community. But, to be able to be a part of the incredible changes that have made the campus of Saints what it is today, and to see not only my sons and nephews, but all of the many young men, grow and thrive in this environment, has been one of the most rewarding things I have ever done in my life. We have been truly blessed to be a part of the Saints family!

Jane and I recently celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary, and our oldest son has given us our first grandchild, William IV (a future Saintsman!), so our time at Saints is far from over, and I look forward to watching an entire generation of boys become strong, Catholic gentlemen! Go Saints!

## St. Augustine High School Centennial Mass



**Friday,  
September 16  
11:00 a.m.**

**in the St. Augustine  
Commons**

**Come together with  
Augustinians, faculty, staff,  
parents, students, alumni,  
and other members of  
the Saints Community  
to celebrate the school's  
100<sup>TH</sup> year and pray for a  
successful school year for  
our sons.**

*Light refreshments will be  
served after mass by the  
Austin Parents Association*



**TIME TO TRAVEL**

**SAINTSMEN CLASS OF 2023-25**

July 20 - August 9, 2023. Approximate cost will be around \$2500-\$3500, including airfare. More details to come!

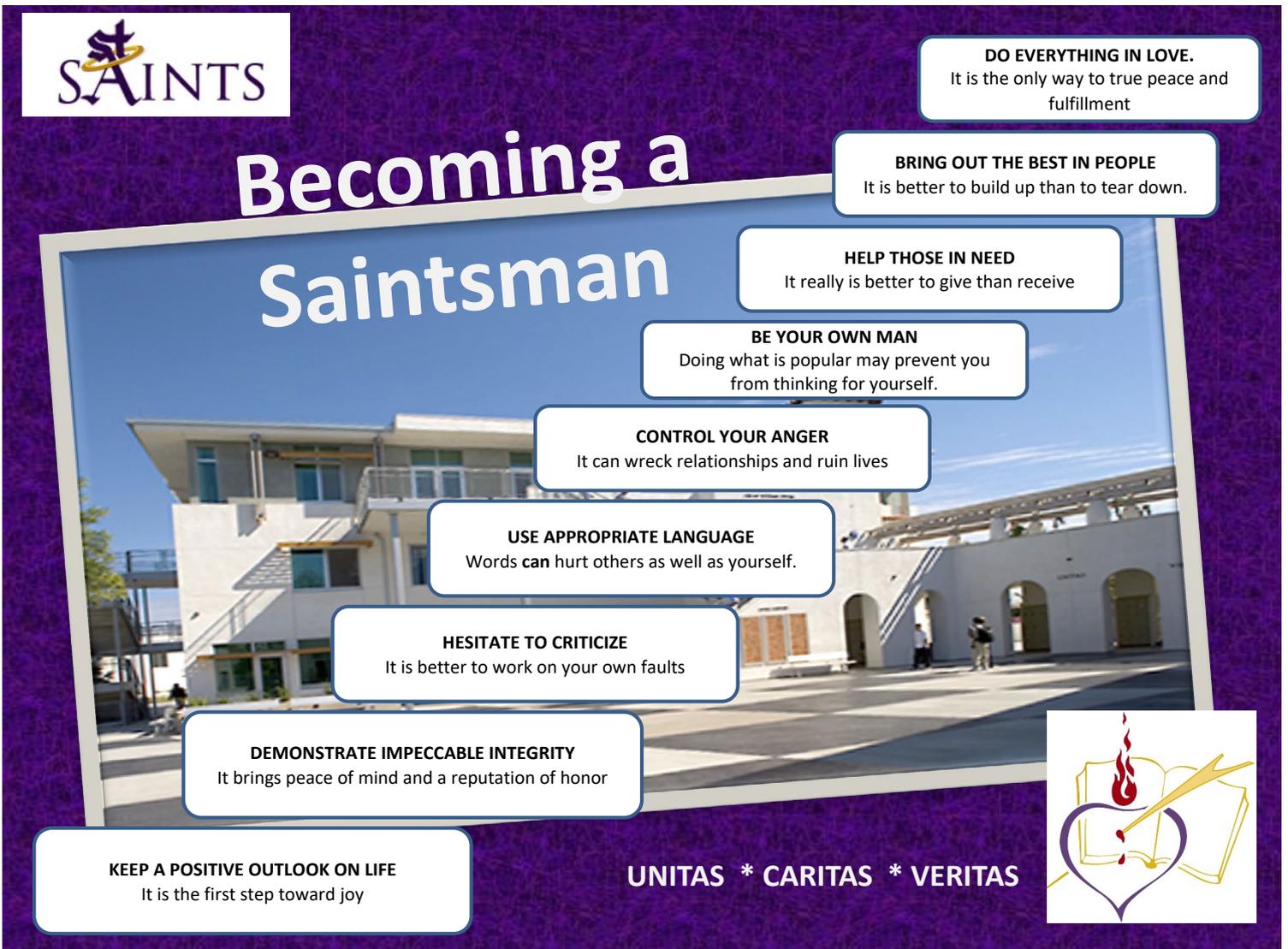
**APPLY NOW**

✝ Contact Fr. Max  
✉ [mvilleeneuve@sahs.org](mailto:mvilleeneuve@sahs.org)



**HAPPY**

**LABOR DAY**



**SAINTS**

# Becoming a Saintsman

- DO EVERYTHING IN LOVE.**  
It is the only way to true peace and fulfillment
- BRING OUT THE BEST IN PEOPLE**  
It is better to build up than to tear down.
- HELP THOSE IN NEED**  
It really is better to give than receive
- BE YOUR OWN MAN**  
Doing what is popular may prevent you from thinking for yourself.
- CONTROL YOUR ANGER**  
It can wreck relationships and ruin lives
- USE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE**  
Words can hurt others as well as yourself.
- HESITATE TO CRITICIZE**  
It is better to work on your own faults
- DEMONSTRATE IMPECCABLE INTEGRITY**  
It brings peace of mind and a reputation of honor
- KEEP A POSITIVE OUTLOOK ON LIFE**  
It is the first step toward joy

**UNITAS \* CARITAS \* VERITAS**



## Season Tickets for 2022

# Plan Ahead Plan for Grid & Hoop Games

By Mr. Matt Linville, Saints Director of Athletics

Season Passes for the 2022-2023 home football and basketball games are currently on sale through the Saints website. These season passes get the cardholder into all regular season home games for football and basketball.

This season, Saints has six home football games. While the basketball schedule (defending 2021-22 CIF Open Division Champions) will not be finalized until late-September, we anticipate having a standard set of roughly 6-8 regular season home games. Please note: Season Passes are not good for CIF playoffs or the Torrey Pines Holiday basketball tournament.

The website offers a variety of season pass options, from single student and adult passes to a couple of different levels of family passes.

Prices are as follows:

- Single Student Pass: \$50
- Single Adult Pass: \$80
- 1+1 Family Pass: \$125 (one adult and one student)
- 2+1 Family Pass: \$200 (two adults and one student)
- 2+2 Family Pass: \$240 (two adults and two students)

The easiest way to purchase is to go to Saints homepage and scroll down to just above the school calendar. There you will find a clickable box titled "Football & Basketball Season Passes 2022-23." Orders can also be accessed by clicking on "Athletics" and then clicking "Saints Season Ticket Packages" on the navigation bar. Online sales are credit/debit card only. In-person purchases can be made through Athletic Director Matt Linville (mlinville@sahs.org) or at any home football game this season. In-person sales are cash/check only.

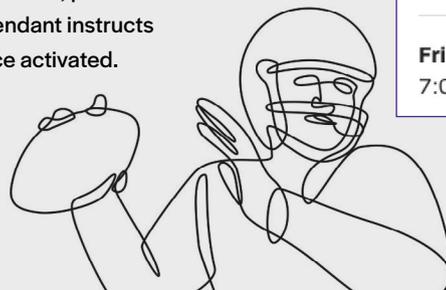
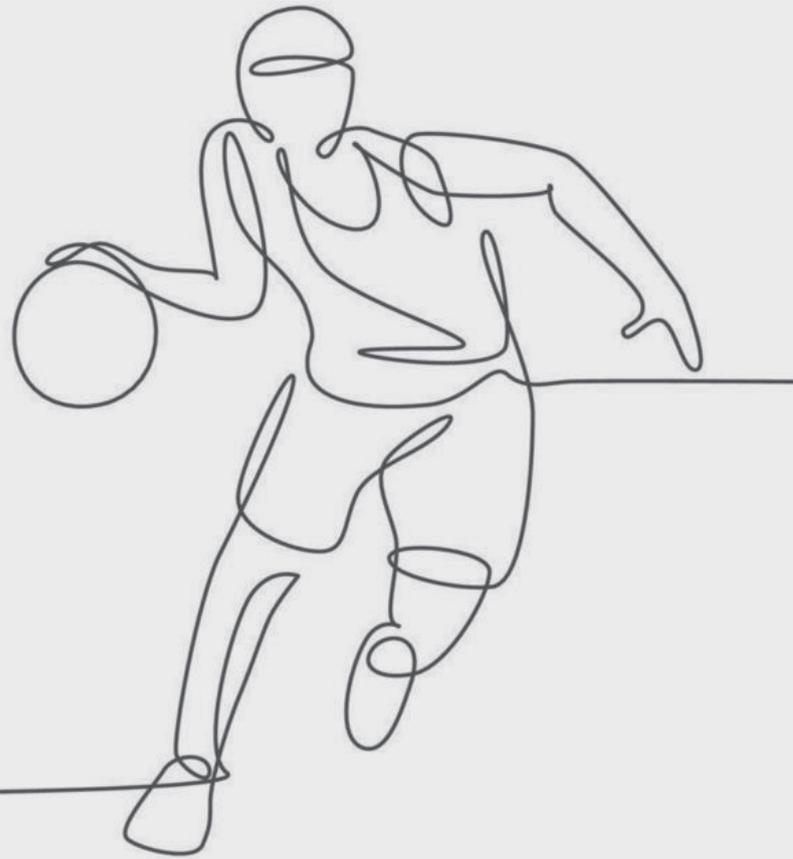
Student Passes will be available for pick-up through the ASB starting at the class orientations on Aug. 22-23. Passes will also be available for pick-up at each of the home football games.

Please be mindful that Covid protocols could go back into effect on short notice and could impact the allowable crowd size.

Beyond the season passes, all other tickets for home football and basketball games will be digital ticketing through GoFan. Tickets will become available a week prior to each home game. GoFan can be accessed through Saints homepage with the GoFan logo, or by using the following web address: <https://gofan.co/app/school/CA22821>.

Digital ticketing through GoFan will charge a \$1 service fee to each ticket with prices starting at \$8 adult and \$6 student. A smartphone is required for purchasing and access at the gate. Please note: Upon accessing your digital ticket through GoFan, please do not "activate" your ticket until a gate attendant instructs you to do so. Tickets do become invalid once activated.

Thank you, and Go Saints!



<b>Fri, 9/9</b> 7:00pm		<b>Steele Canyon</b> (Spring Valley) Away • Non-League
<b>Fri, 9/16</b> 7:00pm		<b>Helix</b> (La Mesa) Home • Non-League
<b>Fri, 9/23</b> 7:00pm		<b>Mater Dei Catholic</b> (Chula Vista) Neutral • Non-League
<b>Fri, 9/30</b> 7:00pm		<b>Scripps Ranch</b> (San Diego) Away • League
<b>Fri, 10/7</b> 7:00pm		<b>Lincoln</b> (San Diego) Home • League
<b>Fri, 10/14</b> 7:00pm		<b>Madison</b> (San Diego) Away • League
<b>Fri, 10/21</b> 7:00pm		<b>Cathedral Catholic</b> (San Diego) Home • League

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE ABOVE

# New and Continuing Parents Welcome to Join St. Monica's Campus Prayer Group

New parents who established a solid religious bond with their son while attending elementary through middle school may continue it during high school years by participating in Saints St. Monica's Prayer Group.

## 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 information:

Please contact: Nicole Mullins at [saintmonicaprayergroup@gmail.com](mailto:saintmonicaprayergroup@gmail.com).

## 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:

1. Place your petition in the prayer request box located in the school's main office.
2. Email your petition to the prayer group at [SaintMonicaPrayerGroup@gmail.com](mailto:SaintMonicaPrayerGroup@gmail.com).



# What New Parents Need to Know

As a new Saints Parents, you should know there are really five (5) main ways to obtain information about what's happening at St. Augustine's. They are:

1. **Saint's website:** [www.sahs.org](http://www.sahs.org)  
Browse the whole site, but the links you might need most are the calendar and the Faculty/Staff directory.
2. **Saint's E-Scene:** On-line newsletter delivered direct to your email at the start of each month, please sign-up on Saint's home page to subscribe.
3. **Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/st.augustine>  
Filled with pictures, event updates, community news and student highlights.
4. **Twitter:** [http://twitter.com/#!/saints\\_info](http://twitter.com/#!/saints_info)  
Filled with event reminders, community news, and student highlights.
5. **Instagram:** [https://www.instagram.com/saints\\_info](https://www.instagram.com/saints_info)  
Filled with pictures, community news, and student highlights.

STUDENT Assignments and grades can be found on the CANVAS learning management system. The access point to Canvas can be found on the Front of the Saints webpage on the left sidebar and the sign in credentials are the same as your Saints on the Web account.

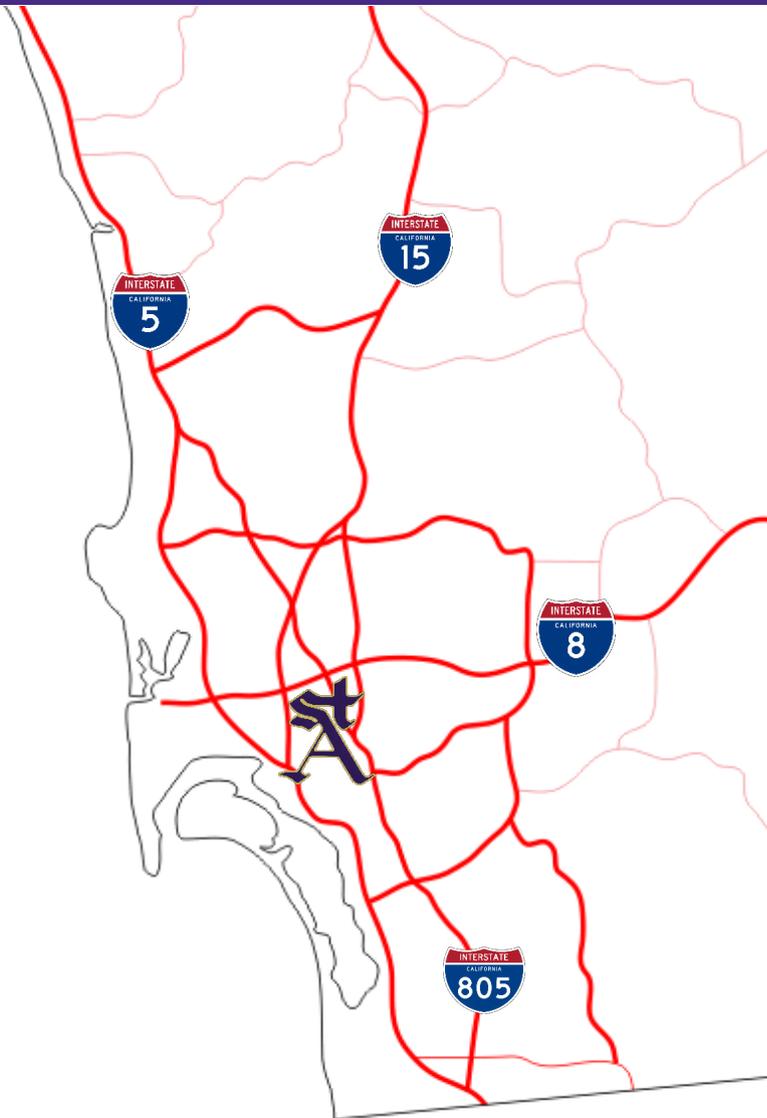
You'll find most everything you need amongst the sites above, including information and points of contact for important events.

## Important Campus Contacts

Campus Ministry	Ms. Rebecca Hammock	<a href="mailto:rhammock@sahs.org">rhammock@sahs.org</a>
Counselor – 9th	Mr. Carl Bronson	<a href="mailto:cbronson@sahs.org">cbronson@sahs.org</a>
Chaplain	Fr. Max Villeneuve	<a href="mailto:mwilleneuve@sahs.org">mwilleneuve@sahs.org</a>

# RideShare

Saints provides families an opportunity to coordinate carpools with other families that travel a similar route. To connect with families in your area, simply connect with our ride share email lists. You will then be able to communicate directly with others looking for or providing rides to and from school and activities.



## Carpool Email Lists

5      lstearns@sahs.org  
15     lstearns@sahs.org  
8      lstearns@sahs.org  
805   lstearns@sahs.org

## To school

5 South  
15 South  
8 West  
805 North

## Home from School

5 North  
15 North  
8 East  
805 South

SAINTS EXPECTS PERMISSION FOR SUCH TRANSPORTATION TO BE ARRANGED BETWEEN PARENTS OF ALL MINORS AND TO BE CONSISTENT WITH DMV GUIDELINES, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS PROBATIONARY DRIVERS.



## Welcome to the Saints Experience

*Continued from page 1*

with family and friends.

What a year it is to be a Saintsman! This happy new year is special in particular, as it marks the 100th anniversary of St. Augustine High School. As we celebrate our deep history, we give a toast to another 100 years of excellence in providing Catholic education to young men. Our community has come a long way in this past century, and we will continue to build upon the Augustinian tradition that has been flourishing here for years. It is my job as the Student Body President to provide not just the students, but every single member of the Saints community, past or present with a school year that is the pinnacle of the “Saints Experience,” a sensation that cannot be felt elsewhere, and one that will be looked back on for years to come. I am eager to immerse myself in the work ahead, as there is much to do in order to make this year one for the ages.

Our strength as an institution comes from the recognizable “Saints Experience,” a profound 4-year encounter that has graduated thousands of young men, preparing them to participate in a changing world. The “Saints Experience” starts with all the faculty, coaches and staff who share their gifts and talents to make an impact on the lives of the students. They are individuals who have dedicated their lives and work to the values of St. Augustine and are true examples of what it is to be “in community” with others. Their love for St. Augustine High School, its traditions, and its history is what I would like to emulate in our 100th year. I encourage all of you to learn to love Saints and everything that it has to offer to you. I implore you all to get involved in whatever way possible, whether that be joining a specific organization on campus, engaging in conversation, or simply forming bonds with fellow members of our community. Do your part in helping our community flourish and become one that is unified, truth-filled, and loving.

I am extremely fortunate to have this opportunity to serve as the Student Body President in this year of celebration, and I am looking forward to working with you all in this pivotal moment in our school’s history.

Best regards,



Jacob Pajimola ('23)

---

## Mission of St. Augustine High School

Our mission is to provide a Catholic liberal arts education for young men in an environment that promotes the development of mind, heart and body in the Augustinian tradition. By helping to form loving disciples of Jesus Christ we communicate to the world the gospel values of community, truth and love.



## School Signs Textbook Deal

*Continued from page 1*

We have worked closely with Follett to source and stock the exact edition of the books we will use in classes this year. Additionally, for each purchase made on our virtual bookstore website, St. Augustine receives a commission that benefits our school.

Books are available NOW on our virtual bookstore website, [www.sahs.bkstr.com](http://www.sahs.bkstr.com).

How our virtual bookstore benefits you:

### Book Options

Choose from new books and money-saving used books that have been bought back from St. Augustine families at the end of the previous school year. Follett also offers textbook rental on selected titles. Rental books are typically half the price of purchasing the new edition. Limited books may also be available in digital format – look for Digital Textbooks on the website where available.

### Fast Delivery

Follett ships all orders from their warehouse the same or next business day via FedEx. Expedited shipping options are available, but it is best to order early for the best used book selection. As an added benefit, the bookstore has extended a 50% off ground shipping offer for the first 30 days the booklist is available.

### Customer Service

Follett accepts returns on books purchased or rented through the website 30 days from your order date or 30 days from the start of classes, whichever is later. Follett’s dedicated customer service team is available by phone at 877-827-2665 seven days a week to provide assistance and answer your questions.

To stay up-to-date on information regarding St. Augustine’s textbooks, we encourage you to join the bookstore email list at: [www.sahs.bkstr.com/email](http://www.sahs.bkstr.com/email).

Please feel free to contact the school or Follett directly at 877-827-2665 with any questions or comments you may have.





ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL

# AROUND CAMPUS



**FROSH QB.** Brady Palmer is pictured on the sidelines at the recent Oceanside varsity football game [Saints won 27-24] with assistant coach Maurice Douglas. For the first time in recent memory Saints has started a Freshman quarterback to lead its varsity attack. William Hill photo.



# AROUND CAMPUS

## A Remembrance

### Xavier Tan ('19) Reminds Us Who We Are

By Edwin Hearn

President, St. Augustine High School



Once summer moves on, our work changes as events speed up. It is a time to re-group, rekindle the inner fire and reflect on the year past in our attempt to learn the lessons that come from the previous year's experiences in the classroom or on the athletic fields. The learning process for all of us is endless.

The Saints Community was hit hard by the death of Xavier Tan ('19) who died in early July from a 22-month fight for his life. The funeral Mass, as it should, was held on Vasey Patio on a beautiful sunny day under the Chinese Elms that offered shade for those in attendance. It was a large turnout of family, health care workers, volleyball teammates, teachers, and classmates. By the time Fr. Kirk Davis, O.S.A. began Mass, the Patio was standing-room only.

It was a special moment in the long history of Saints. Always, when we lose a Saintsman, but especially so with the loss of such a young, bright, friendly, hard-working, and faithful young man. The three eulogies not only were specific to Xavier but also represented the ideals of all Saintsman. Hecht, the Assistant Principal of Academics and Xavier's Volleyball coach, stated in his very emotional and

thoughtful eulogy, "Saints is so much more than a school."

It was a statement that I have pondered since the day of the funeral. It is a feeling I have experienced on many occasions and think we have all had those feelings of belonging that is more like being part of a family than a community. It is a dynamic that is in constant play in the environment that was created first by Augustinians and then laypeople who have continued to move the community closer to the ideals of community, truth and love through Saints existence as a school for the past 100 years.

It is a feeling of trying to belong and realizing you already belong. Freshmen boys entering Saints on the first day of classes in many cases feel lost, feel stressed with all of the unknowns and then quickly begin to understand everyone will try to help them make the transition from grammar school to St. Augustine High School. The step to manhood is a pathway that 98 graduation classes have completed through the decades.

Being brothers at an all-boys school makes sense and certainly, other boys' schools probably identify with a strong brotherhood. When gazing out into the patio during Xavier's farewell, it was clear that the boys in attendance were not just volleyball players, but boys from the class of 2019 and other classes who knew that their attendance would help the family through their loss.

Xavier was one of the guys, a friend, and someone who could be counted upon. I think Mr. Hecht was alluding to the notion that St. Augustine High School is a refuge, home away from home, a place of respect and love,

a place that ignites the imagination, a place of uncommon brotherhood, a place where everyone, as different as they are, belongs. His friends had come to salute their buddy and renew their relationships. The message that the young men heard that day was to stay hopeful no matter the situation, live life with grace and strength and never give up. All through Xavier's illness, he knew he was going to recover from his disease. His strength of purpose allowed him to live far past the doctors' conclusions about his death.

Xavier taught us that families extend past one's immediate family. At Saints, your family is as large as you want it to be. For Xavier, his family was much larger than he ever imagined. He was surrounded in love as we wrapped our arms around him one last time.

As we proceeded through the Mass, I found myself being carried away with Fr. Kirk's and the eulogists' words into a sacred space that felt occupied by all of Xavier's friends and relatives. As I watched the sun dance through the leaves of the branches of those two enormous trees, God's presence could not be missed.

Every person should have the opportunity to attend a place like Saints that cares about what happens beyond the classroom. As Greg Hecht said so well, "Saints is so much more than a school." With all the busyness in the world, the Saints Family stopped to say goodbye to Xavier and support his family on a day that will long be remembered. Even though Xavier's life was cut short, it was a life richly lived that will continue to teach us God's eternal values.

# Providence & Patience

## Twenty Years Later School's Campus Revival Plan Complete

Photography by William Hill, Saints Parent

Just about 20 years ago, the school adopted a master plan to update buildings and commons areas around campus. From that time until now we have designed and built, Villanova Hall, Mendel Hall, St. Augustine Commons, the Raymond Center for the Arts, and the Madruga Music Center.

The Campus 22 project enhanced those efforts by addressing areas not in the original master plan. Most of the work centered around the main athletic field. When finished, the Campus 22 project will complete the campus beautification and redevelopment efforts, just as we begin to celebrate our 100-year anniversary.

A huge thank you to the Augustinians, the Board of Directors, and all the benefactors who made commitments and sacrifices to ensure that an Augustinian Education would be available for the sons of San Diego families for decades to come. We owe a debt of gratitude to many - architects, builders, consultants and especially to Mr. Steve Chipp ('68) and Mr. Kevin DeRieux, who each served as Director of Facilities over the 2-decade long project.





HALL









St. Augustine Commons and the Sanders Gymnasium opened in 2017.



The Raymond Center and Madruga Music Center opened in 2018.



Villanova and Mendel Halls debuted in 2007.

## Defining the Saints Experience

*Continued from page 1*

day, seeing friends and acquaintances, reconnecting with guys they had not seen since pre-pandemic and meeting Saintsmen they did not previously know. By the end of the day there were no strangers among them.

People always comment that Saintsmen can be recognized by their politeness, warm smile, pleasant greeting and generosity of spirit. There not seem to be much of a difference among the various generations; all were confident, having fun and connecting.

Saintsmen come from every corner of the diocese. There are boys coming from San Marcos, Vista, Escondido, and Oceanside to the north and from as far away as Alpine to the east and Tijuana to the south. They come from affluent areas of the county such as Rancho Santa Fe, Solana Beach, La Jolla, Poway, and Coronado, from various urban areas of the city and they come from middle class communities such as Bay Park, North Park, UTC and South Park.

These boys are African American, Native American, Asian, Pacific Islander, Caucasian, Hispanic, Middle Eastern and multi-racial. Some play sports, other get involved in student government and student activities, others join theater and music, and others move into campus ministry. Some love to make clay dishes and vases, others love to draw and paint, while others gravitate to the Makers Lab to design and build useful products.

Some are extremely bright and end up taking several Advanced Placement Courses and others begin in pre-algebra but end up in a college recommending curriculum.

Given the interest levels and abilities found in the student-body with much to choose from, the students interests are well served.

*Through these multiple pathways, young boys mature in knowing what they like, find their abilities, friends that share their same interests and slowly discover their future. This exploration during this adolescent journey ignites the boy forward.*

How do these boys having such different experiences all arrive at a similar place in four years. Much of it has to do with the Augustinians, the core values, and the behavior required while the boy attends Saints. From the beginning, boys are taught to be gentlemen—to greet people with an outstretched hand, and a friendly smile, to notice people not normally on campus and ask them if they need assistance, to stand when a visitor comes into the classroom, to engage in conversation, but be a good listener.

Weekly mass is the big connector with everyone in the school. To gather weekly for mass, hear the homily, be respectful and give friends a big hug presents a unifying principle that ties the Core Values of Unity, Truth and Love together in such a way that each boys feel part of a larger family even though their circumstances are vastly different. This is the connective tissue that binds our community into a place where boys have fun with each other, gain confidence, become competent learners, learning to step forward to lead and become a virtuous man—a person who is generous in heart and genuine in spirit in their concern for other people.

In my five decades of experience in Catholic secondary education, I have come to realize much of this does not happen in other Catholic high schools. It is rare and something to be celebrated.

The boys know they are fortunate to have teachers and coaches who love them. The journey from boyhood to manhood is many times defined by what happens in the home and school during their adolescence. A Saints education is much more than books and instruction—it is all those connection points that are made at Saints that build a successful man.

## Becoming Uncommon

*Continued from page 1*

ordinary, the common or the average. But, let's be honest: your student is at Saints because you want and you believe in "something more". As a community we want an uncommon experience for our sons. One that produces uncommon results.

Our faculty, staff, mentors and coaches integrate character and faith based values in our classes and programs providing guideposts for our students to follow, showing them the way toward becoming uncommon. We ask young men to think about honesty and integrity, living their faith, role modeling, life's purpose, treatment of others, sexual integrity, humility and stewardship, in meaningful ways. In doing so we teach not only their minds but we also touch their hearts and lead them to the understanding that they can lead a life of significance.

Your sons can be men who impact the lives around us. They can be the men whose actions and intentions change lives. Saintsmen can be the ones whose daily act of living makes a difference at home, work, church, and within families and among friends.

This journey is long and it may be difficult... but the results, as we see in a century of Saintsmen who've preceded us, are uncommon.

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,



James Horne  
Principal



**Faith is to believe  
what you do not see;  
the reward of this  
faith is to see what  
you believe.**

**- Saint Augustine**



## SAINTS TRADITIONS

# Beanies Through the Years

Note: *Saints Scene*, as part of celebrating the school's 100th anniversary of its founding, is featuring a year long series of articles highlighting its beloved traditions. Last month: The graduation march. This month: The Beanies.

By Edwin Hearn, President  
St. Augustine High School

The impetus to have freshman students wear beanies for freshman initiation or as is currently named "Freshman Welcome Week" has been lost through the years. There is no record which documents the beginning of the tradition, but we know the beanie was worn by freshmen in 1948.

In 1965, Jean Shaw, a mother of Saintsmen, volunteered her services to help Fr. Tony Wasko, OSA with alumni relations and the Augustinian seminary. As her financial situation had changed, she met with the Principal of Saints, Fr. Pat Keane, OSA in 1970 to ask for employment in the school. Fr. Keane agreed and, Jean Shaw would work at Saints for the next 50 years.

In 1973, a mother of a Saintsmen, who had been sewing beanies for the freshman class, decided to pass the sewing of the beanies off to another volunteer which caused the ASB Moderator, Rev. Brother Richard Hardick, OSA to approach Jean Shaw about taking on the task. She was an excellent seamstress and was the long-term solution to produce enough beanies each year for the freshmen.

Mrs. Shaw gladly said yes and over the next 44 years made more than 7,000 beanies. From the beginning, she changed the design. Instead of a four-panel beanie then being produced, she created a six-panel purple and gold version that is still in use today. In September 2017, Jean Shaw made her final delivery of beanies to Saints. Her daughter-in-law, Cheryl Shaw, took over the project and has been the creator of the beanies ever since.

With her new project, Cheryl Shaw received the Saints sewing machine her mother-in-law had used to produce the hats. Today, Jean Shaw cuts all the pieces of the beanie and Cheryl Shaw sews them together for the finished product. This labor of love has been responsible for thousands of Saintsmen to be ushered through the rites of joining the tradition of all-boys Catholic school. Without the beanie tradition, the freshman experience would not be as memorable. Student Jebidiah Brandon ('22) sums it up best: "My message for future Saintsmen is to enjoy the Saints experience while it lasts, because it feels like it was yesterday when I first walked on campus, when I made the baseball team, when I was in The Pit for the first time, and when my senior brother put that beanie on my head."



**TRADITION.** Freshman Jorge Jimenez, who last spring attended the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts, holds pup Gunnar Hearn during Freshman Welcome Week on campus.



## SAINTS SCENE

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

**Publisher:** Edwin J. Hearn, Jr. Saints President  
**Editor-in-Chief:** James Horne, Saints Principal  
**Senior Advisor:** Fr. Gary Sanders, O.S.A., Augustinian Provincial  
**Senior Editor:** Kevin DeRieux, Finances & Facilities Director  
**Senior Editor:** Gregory Hecht, Assistant Principal for Academics  
**Saints Scene Coordinator:** Thomas Shess, Alum Parent ('05): Thomas.Shess@gmail.com  
**Art Director:** Kristin Hardy, OLP ('05), Kristin Hardy Design: kristinhardydesign.com  
**Circulation Director:** Casey Callery, Director of Community Relations and Special Events  
**Editor Emeritus:** John D. Keller, O.S.A. ('55)  
**Staff Photographer:** Bill Hill, Saints Parent



Correction Policy: While every effort is made to be accurate, we occasionally err. We do apologize to those impacted and kindly ask that you notify Saints Coordinator: Thomas.Shess@gmail.com for any corrections.

\*Awards: *Saints Scene* has been voted by the San Diego Press Club as the best Community Newsletter in 2011, 2019 and 2021.