



SAINTS SCENE

Anniversary Homily (1922–2022)

Augustinian School Celebrates its 100TH Year

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

Today we commemorate the Centennial of our school, a Centennial one could also say, of 100 years of The Brotherhood. What makes this day different for us however, is that we as a school community, are being allowed to see a glimpse of the source of that Brotherhood – a brotherhood that began in the hills of Italy in the year 1244 and that is 778 years ago.

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THEN. St. Augustine High School opened 100 years ago this Autumn in the parish hall at St. Vincent de Paul church in Mission Hills with a class size of 19 students. One year later, the first buildings were completed at the North Park campus. Later this year, Saints Scene will explore the early architecture of the school.

Are You Following Your Teen’s Social Media? Dear Saintsmen, Families & Community



Principal James Horne

Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, Kik, Discord...

They are the way the youth of today communicate.

And despite the frequency

of inappropriate pictures and graphic language these hugely popular sites are the new norm in the world of teen social culture. These sites combine just about every new technology that kids love and parents distrust — instant messaging, blogging, chat rooms, music and video downloads and more.

Social Media sites are part of the social scene at schools everywhere. The online social-networking craze has now hit younger kids — down to age 8 or 9. Nonexistent just more than a decade ago, these sites now boast having hundreds of millions of users.

Once registered, most of these sites ask users to post a profile. On their individual profiles, teens list everything from their birthday, school and hometown to favorite bands and TV shows; add pictures of themselves and friends; and download music and video clips. Visitors can post immediate comments to the site or contact the person directly.

We know that teen communication is all about social relationships and it isn’t all that surprising that this communication has now moved online. After all, kids

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Faculty and Staff Wear Beanies, Too

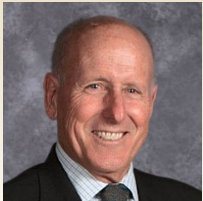


NEWBIES. New faculty and staff were recognized in the first rally of the year and were welcomed to the Saints Community with the purple and gold beanie.

[Left to right]: Victor Hourani, Ady Garcia, Ron Gladnick, Nick Pradel, Ian Blair, John Hickey and Casey Gayton. Two other new faculty, Michael Thielacker and Will Raines are Saintsmen and as such are exempt from the Beanie requirement. Coach Gladnick, however, insists he was wearing his beanie but it was further back on his head and out of sight of photographer. Play is under review.

We've Become Such an Incredibly Special Place

By Edwin Hearn, President; St. Augustine High School



President Edwin Hearn

September 16 and 17, 2022 have been highlighted on the calendar for two years. We have been busy doing our everyday jobs and have taken on larger challenges to ensure the first century of Saints is well documented for our celebration and recorded for those who will follow us with the development of the school.

During those two years I have authored a book about the history of the first one hundred years, Casey Callery found a mosaic artist who has created an iconic image of Our Mother of Good Counsel that now adorns the eastern wall of Villanova Hall and Chris Cashman has debuted the premiere of his film, *The Sons of St. Augustine*.

Over the decades there were times that it was questionable whether this little school on Nutmeg would pull through difficult times, but it persevered and stayed the course to see its Centennial year. The first year of its existence Saints had nineteen students, by the second year that number had tripled! Saints went on to survive the Depression, war, a catastrophic air disaster and difficult economic times. All a

INSTALLATION. Close up of the new Saints mural by artist Carole Choucair Oueijan. This mosaic is a copy of an original fresco icon located in a thirteenth-century Augustinian church in Genazzano, Italy. It is around 600 years old and measures only 16 x 18 inches. The original is likely the work of the early 15th century artist Gentile da Fabriano.



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BEANIE MASS. The recent Freshman Welcome Week offers a once a year glimpse at the school's weekly Mass. The "Frosh" are seated in the John Sanders Gymnasium bleachers while the upper classmen are seated on the floor closer to where Fr. Max Villeneuve officiates the Mass.

Got Service Hours?

Volunteer Opportunities for Saints from the school's office for Christian Service



For Student Body

Hogar Infantil La Gloria

Saints is planning three trips to the Augustinian Orphanage in Tijuana this semester. The first two trips to the orphanage are on October 22 and November 19

In December there will be a trip on December 10, but this date will be restricted to students who have a border Senti Pass.

Casa Hogar La Gloria is a home for at-risk and vulnerable children in the La Gloria community of Tijuana, six miles south of the border. We provide food, shelter, medical care, education, social development and Catholic religious formation in a safe, secure and loving environment. As many as thirty children live with us at any one time, typically a dozen or so infants and toddlers and the rest are boys and girls through about age sixteen. Some of the children are orphans, but most come from situations of abuse, neglect, or abandonment.

Hogar Infantil La Gloria was founded in 1975 by dedicated volunteers in partnership with the Augustinian community of Catholic priests and brothers in San Diego. Since then, many hundreds of children have been cared for at our home. The home is funded by a California nonprofit entity, managed by a Mexican nonprofit entity, and regulated by DIF – the Mexican social services agency.

For Sophomores

Uptown Community Service Center: North Park

Every Wednesday Sophomores volunteer at the Uptown Community Service Center.

Uptown Community Service Center is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization in the North Park neighborhood of San Diego. It is run by dedicated volunteers and provides services to over 2,000 homeless and very-low income persons each year.

**For more information on these service opportunities, please connect with Mrs. Maureen Walker or Mrs. Jessica Brophy in the Campus Ministry office.*



It is not how much we
give but how much love
we put into giving.

– Mother Teresa

Plethora of Saintsmen Garner National Scholar Accolades

The Principal of St. Augustine High School, James Horne, announced today that more than a dozen Saintsmen have been recognized in the National Merit Scholarship Program. The school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation commend these outstanding and scholastically talented students for their achievement.

“Those being recognized today have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” said Principal Horne. “We hope that being recognized today broadens their educational opportunities. We are grateful that these students and part of our learning community and we encourage their continued pursuit of Academic success.”

Students who were recognized this year include:

National Merit Scholar: Semi Finalist



James Patrick O'Leary

National Merit Commended Scholars



Henry Hooper



Theodore McKamey

National African American Scholars Recognition Award



Gabriel Felix



Jaden Matingou

National Hispanic Scholars Recognition Program



Oscar Celaya



Lukas Cerny



Ian De La Rosa



Gabriel Felix



Sam Fries



Jesus Garcia



Ricardo Laborin



Marcus Roman



Romeo Velarde-Alvarez

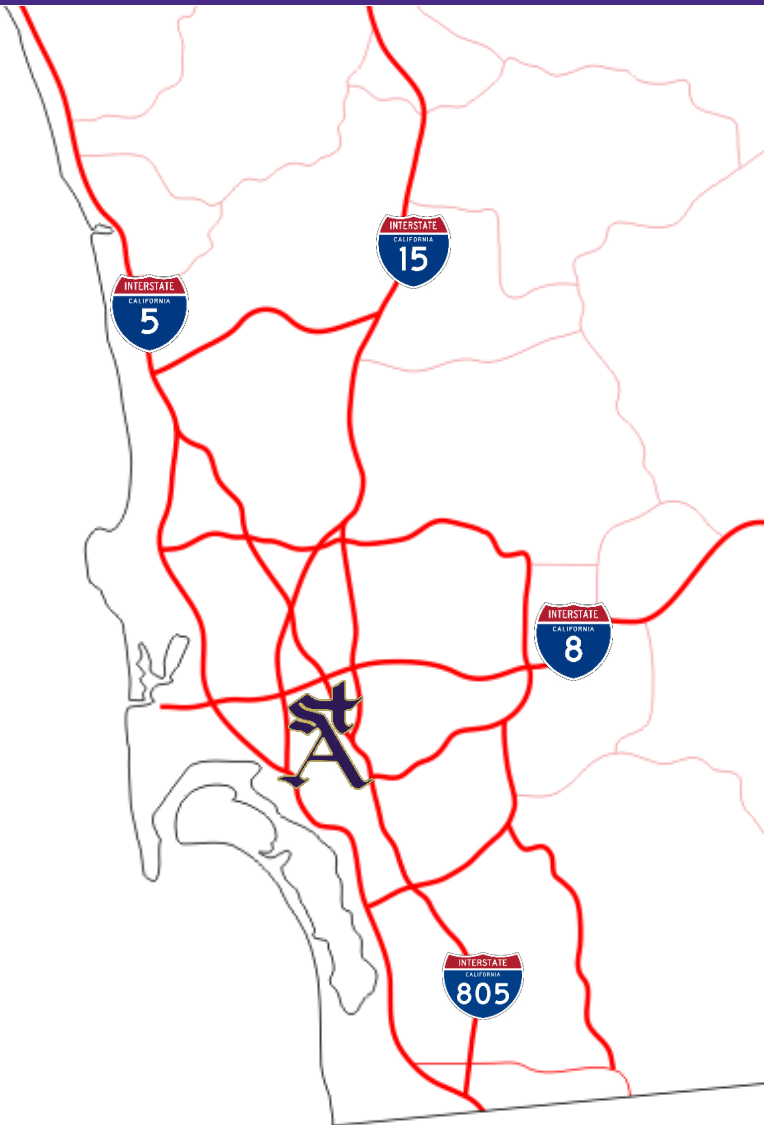


Samuel Velazquez



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.

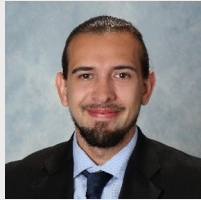
Happy New Year!

Saints Community Welcomes New Staff and Faculty for 2022-2023

Saints New Faculty and Staff



Casey Gayton
Facilities Manager
BA - San Diego State University
1st year at Saints



Daniel Hauk
Staff Accountant
BA - San Diego State University
1st year at Saints



John Hickey
Math Instructor
BA – University of California, San Diego
10th year in Education
1st year at Saints



Nicolas Pradel
Science Instructor
BA - University of California, Davis
MA – Alliant International University
4th year in Education
1st year at Saints



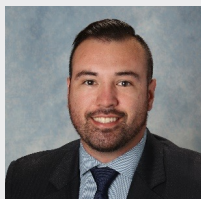
Bro. Mauricio Morales
Religion Instructor, Campus Ministry
BA - University of San Diego
MA – San Diego State University
1st year in Education
1st year at Saints



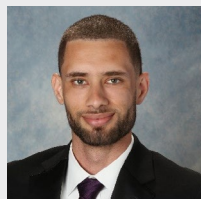
Victor Hourani
Football Coach, PE Instructor
BA - Brandman University
3rd year in Education
1st year at Saints



Ron Gladnick
Head Football Coach, PE Instructor
BA – Hillsdale College
27 years in Education
1st year at Saints



Will Raines
Science Instructor, Rugby
DC – Life Chiropractic College West
1st year in Education
1st year at Saints



Michael Thielacker
Math Instructor, Intramurals, Volleyball
BA - San Diego State University
1st year in Education
1st year at Saints



REMEMBERED. During last month's 9/11 remembrance ceremony on the flight deck of San Diego-based USS Midway (Museum), San Diego County Sheriff's Dept. Deputy Vincent Generazzo rings a bell as retired San Diego Fire-Rescue Captain Stephen Linges (a Saintsman from the Class of 1969) salutes after reading the names of emergency responders who died during the September 11, 2001 terrorists attacks in New York City.

Photo: Kristian Carreon for the *Union-Tribune*.



Are You Following Your Teen's Social Media?

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have always wanted to hang out and not tell their parents what they're doing. But because of the proliferation of profane language, references to drugs and alcohol, and obscene photos and commentary, we think parents should be aware.

Saints does not want to prejudice anyone against the appropriate use of sites like twitter, instagram, whisper, shapchat, tumblr, vine, and others. It's just that so much of what is posted and available on these sites is clearly crossing the line.

Take an active role, talk with your Saintsman about privacy, posting and knowing what is appropriate. And by all means, follow your students' social media.

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,



James Horne
Principal



Meet New Counseling Dept. Interns

By Tim Golden, Co-Director of Counseling

This year Saints is blessed to have two counseling interns who are studying at the University of San Diego. Ady Garcia (left) and Ian Blair will work with Saints students as they finish the requirements of their degree.

Name:

Ian Blair

Hometown, State:

Aptos, California

Degree Pursued and Degrees Earned:

I have earned my Bachelor's Degree in English Literature with a minor in History. I am currently pursuing my Master's degree in School Based Clinical Counseling.

University:

My undergraduate university was at Pacific University and I am currently getting my Master's degree at the University of San Diego.

What attracted you to a career in school counseling?

What attracted me to a career in school counseling was the support I got from my counselors and mentors growing up. They empowered me to pursue higher education, achieve the goals I aspired to obtain, and overcome challenges when I needed support along the way. My positive experiences with those people growing up have inspired me to share those positive moments with others as well.

Extra:

Ian is also a former college baseball player who will be lending a hand with the Saints baseball program this year.



Name:

Ady Garcia

Hometown, State:

Oxnard, California

Degree Pursued and Degrees Earned:

I have earned my B.A. in Psychology with minors in Spanish and Applied Psychology. I am currently pursuing my Master's Degree in School Based Clinical Counseling.

University:

My undergraduate university was at UC Santa Barbara and I am currently getting my Master's degree at the University of San Diego.

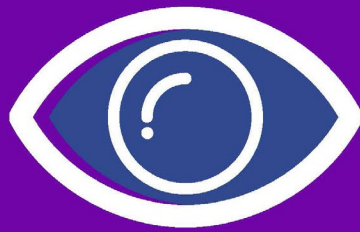
What attracted you to a career in school counseling?

I have always been passionate about education, mental health, and working with children and thought the best way to get all of those in one place was by becoming a school counselor.

Extra:

Ady comes to us with several years of professional experience working as a youth development specialist and early intervention specialist at various community centers in southern California.





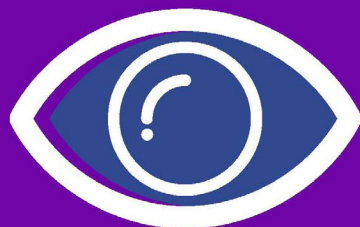
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testament to those who were determined to see Saints succeed.

The day I drove up to campus for my interview on St. Patrick's Day in 2006, I knew my job would be focused on leading the renovation of the campus. I had doubts as I did not know one person in San Diego, but I loved my interview with the Augustinians and found myself drawn to them. After I was hired, we started building out the campus. We made it a point to pray to Saint Rita, (the Saint of Impossible Causes) before every meeting for her intercession to help us fulfill our hopes and dreams. And while we (me) sometimes doubted, she remained a silent companion walking with us through countless problems we encountered and somehow we continued to find our way—even when we seemed lost in a thicket that at times did not seem passable.

Over a year ago, Fr. Gary Sanders our Provincial, invited the Prior General in Rome to have his mid-chapter meeting in San Diego as it happened to be in alignment with the

beginning of our Centennial Celebration. As there was little chance that we would receive a thumbs up for our request, we had little hope it would actually happen. This meeting has previously only happened twice in the United States, and both times it was at Villanova University. Why would the Prior General and the Augustinian Provincials from around the world come to Saints? To our great surprise, he said "yes." More about that visit in the Thanksgiving issue of Saints Scene in November.

Shortly thereafter we realized they would be in San Diego during the week before and after September 16—the date of the original dedication of our present campus 99 years ago to the day on September 16, 1923.

As it happened, we finished the campus on September 14, 2022. Some would say this was all a coincidence. From my experience with all the people involved in this Augustinian ministry, I know in the core of my heart it was the spirit of God, the Holy Spirit who has been

with us, has provided us with the confidence of our faith and has help us find answers in difficult circumstances.

This same spirit is seen in our boys, and the men working on our many phases of construction has seen it. These outsiders saw what I feel and see every day on our campus—A difference in our community that only God brings. What I am about to convey, was said to me so many times by the outside workers who have worked on rebuilding Saints, I lost count. One day, a guy who looked like a Viking, with flaming red hair, and long beard—an outwardly big, tough guy said to me bluntly, "Who are you?" I told him—and then he said, "I have worked on buildings all over San Diego. I am proud of my work. I want you to know this is an incredibly special place. I see it in your boys, and I want you to know it has had an effect on my crew. We always do good work, but you are getting our best work. I am honored to work here."

Parents, Have Your Son Make the Best of Office Hours Time Block

Office Hours are two regularly scheduled blocks of time (usually Tuesday/Friday), that precede the school day, known as office hours.

Some mistakenly think that academic tutoring is the only use of the office hours' time when there are, actually, many other great uses of the time that students should consider. Look at the following suggested uses for the time set aside for office hours.

Student Engagement & Student Success

Tutoring
Group projects with classmates
Make up Exams
Make up missing work
Extended time testing
Essay review and writing workshops
Extended time for labs and projects
Review sessions - semester or AP exams (optional)

Conferencing

Student/teacher
Family/teacher
Student/counselor
Family/counselor
Family/teacher/counselor

Time

CANVAS review
Club meetings
ASB meetings
PIT meetings
Intramural team, referee, and captain meeting
Rally/Activity planning
Sports team meetings
Shepherding (Tuesday's)
Retreat team meetings
Campus ministry meetings
Service hour submission
Society of Saints Scholars
Mass band rehearsal
Liturgy planning
College visits
UC/CSU application workshops

Other tasks

Work permits
Transcript requests
Course and schedule changes
Schedule doctor and dentist visits during office hours to minimize class absences

Encourage your son to stay focused this semester!

Get off on the right foot and use the Office Hours time slot to seek the tutoring, extra help or time needed to support his academic work.

AROUND CAMPUS

Frosh Week Costume Parade

Freshmen, who “volunteered” to participate in Frosh Costume Day show off creativity, team spirit and sense of humor. Costume parade is one of the school’s long standing welcome-back-to-school traditions.



SMARTIES. (l-r) Freshman Maurice (Mojo) Howard and Turner Bronson were dressed as Augustinian priests on costume day.



CREATIVE. Freshman Gabriel Nguyen with one of the more creative costumes was snorkeling in the kiddie pool all day.



GIDDY-UP. Anthony Bibaeff was on horseback for the duration of costume day.



LOOKALIKE. Saintsman Keaton Boyce wore a “thing 2” costume from the Dr. Seuss collection to show his school spirit. Padres fans on campus tabbed him winner of the Luke Voit lookalike contest. Luke was an ex-firstbaseman with the local team.





AROUND CAMPUS



Where Are They Now

Saints grad Aidan Rickwa '22) bumped into a familiar face as he was moving into his dorm room. Kai DaLuz, (left) a Saintsman from the class of ('21) was at Nova working as an orientation counselor when he bumped into Aidan.



St. Augustine High School



College Topics Night

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

Raymond Center for the Performing Arts - Theater

“Getting In”

How College Applications Are Reviewed

How do college admission teams read applications?

What makes a student stand out to colleges?

Parents of all grade levels can join several experienced college admission officers as they share their wisdom and experience.

Sports Legacy & Service Honorees

2022

St. Augustine Hall of Fame Inductees

By Matt Linville, Athletic Director

This year, Saints, in coordination with the Alumni Association, is proud to announce the induction of Mike Stephenson, Servando Carrasco, Victor Crawford, Steve Chipp, and the 2013 state championship varsity basketball team into the 2022 Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremony was held on Friday, Sept. 23 in the St. Augustine Commons.

Mike Stephenson, an honorary graduate of the class of 2006, began his teaching and coaching career at Saints in 1985, coaching football and swimming. In 1994, he moved into the Athletic Director and Assistant Principal position, ultimately retiring in 2019, after 34 years of service, teaching, and coaching. Although he coached 19 years of football, at a variety of levels, his real passion was baseball. In 1989, he became the head varsity baseball coach. In 20 seasons as the head coach, he compiled a 427-201 record, winning 14 league titles, and making the CIF Finals five times. Saints baseball also won 10 Lion's Tournament titles and never had a losing season while making the playoffs every year.

In 2005, Coach Stephenson was named CIF Baseball Coach of the Year. In 2010, he was inducted into the California State Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame. In 2016, he was inducted into the Breitbard Hall of Champions High School Coaching Legends. As an athletic director, Coach Stephenson was instrumental in helping establish long-standing relationships with Mesa College, Hickman Field, City Conference, and the Balboa Tennis Club. He also played major roles in helping turf the field for the first time in 2010 and designing the St. Augustine Commons, gymnasium, and weight room. He established Saints' Hall of Fame in 1995 and has been a mentor to many of Saints current coaches and teachers.

Servando Carrasco, from the class of 2006, was three-year letter winner in soccer during his time at Saints. He was the Western League player of the year and 1st team all-CIF as a junior and senior, including CIF player of the year as a senior. During his senior year, Saints won the CIF championship and Servando was named team MVP. He accepted a scholarship to play soccer at UC Berkeley, where he started over 70 games. He earned 2nd team all-Pac10 honors as a sophomore and junior, before earning 1st team all-Pac10 honors as a senior. In 2010, he was drafted in the 2nd round of the MLS by the Seattle Sounders. Servando played in the MLS for 10 years and was a US Open Cup Champion in 2012 with Seattle.

Victor Crawford, from the class of 1967, was a three-year letter winner in basketball and a one-year letter winner in track and field. During his senior season, he was named 1st team all-league and 1st team all-conference. His accolades earned him several college basketball opportunities, and he settled on the University of the Pacific where, as a freshman, he set team scoring records by averaging 22 points per game and a career

Mike Stephenson



Victor Crawford



high of 40 points in one game. He later transferred to Hampton University where he averaged 20 points per game and was named as an Outstanding College Athlete.

After his college career ended, he turned down NBA tryout invites to pursue a career in dentistry. After attending dental school, Victor returned to San Diego and opened a dental office where he worked for over 40 years. His brothers, Michael and Jacob, were also standout athletes at Saints and earned college scholarships as well. Victor's three daughters all also pursued careers in healthcare and all work as doctors today.

Steve Chipp, from the class of 1968, returned to Saints in 1977 to become the school's first lay business manager. He held that position for 43 years, retiring in 2019. During his 43 years at Saints in the business office, Steve helped oversee the closure of Bancroft Street, the construction of the Mendel and Villanova classroom buildings, the construction of the gymnasium, theater, football field, and St. Augustine

Commons, as well as several remodels and renovations of Vasey Hall.

He was named Alumnus of the Year in 1996 and recognized by the Augustinian Secondary Education Association in 2003 for his long-standing commitments to Catholic education. He was also made an affiliate member of the Order of Augustine in 2019. While Steve is being honored today for meritorious service, it should also be noted that he was also an accomplished athlete during his time at Saints as a student. He was a two-year letter winner in baseball and team MVP as a senior. He earned a college scholarship to pitch at Santa Clara University. During his junior and senior seasons at Santa Clara, he pitched for teams that won 43 games in back-to-back seasons, still school records for wins in a season. Steve was drafted in 1971 by the Oakland A's and with Seattle Rainiers in 1972. While his playing career was cut short by arm injuries, Steve went on to serve as a general manager for a couple of minor league baseball teams, including affiliates for the Padres and Guardians, before returning to Saints in 1977.



Rounding out the 2022 HOF inductions is the **2013 Division III State Champion Basketball Team**. The road to the state title was not an easy one for this team. Saints had lost 3 times to Cathedral Catholic during the regular season before meeting them in the CIF Finals and defeating them 62-36. On the path to the state championship, Saints beat Cathedral again in a regional game. In the Southern California Championship game, after being down by 10 in the third quarter, they came back with a little help from The Pit and some baby powder, to beat Chaminade High School, 61-57. The State finals also had its share of drama as this team was ahead the whole game, but in the final minute lost the lead and eventually were down by 3 points when Trey Kell was fouled shooting a 3-pointer with 2 seconds left. With the game on the line, Trey sank all 3 free throws, sending the game to overtime. The Saintsmen kicked up a notch in overtime, going on to beat Sacred Heart Cathedral, 59-52, for the first state basketball title in school history and only the 4th state basketball title in San Diego history at that time.

The 2013 Varsity Basketball Team consisted of:

Head Coach: Mike Haupt

Asst. Coaches: Dan Strickland, Chris Yoakum, Luke Dalla Riva, Bill Heath, Rommel Marentez HOF Class of 2015, Chris Topping and Floyd North-HOF Class of 2014

Players: Brenton Lemar, Trey Kell, Drew Madsen, John Dixon, Martin Tombe, Daniel Caya, Cooper Degraw, Jack Drapp, Dallas Haupt, Brent Jones, Daniel Lara, Eric Monroe, Jake Ryan, Nate Samaniego, Francoise Sims, and accepting the induction on behalf of the team, Johnny Peterson.

"This is a wonderful induction class that perfectly sums up what Saints has accomplished in its 100 years," said Athletic

Director Matt Linville. "We wanted to do something special to commemorate the centennial and recognize athletes, coaches, administrators, and teams. This is a great group representing Saints and the Alumni Association."

Also on the team: Director of Sports Performance-Mike Sweat; Team Chaplain-Fr. Bob Gavotto; Team Physician-Dr. Jerry Wisniew HOF Class of 2015; and Team Managers-Thomas Young and Desi Charfouris

Hall of Fame Established.

The St. Augustine Hall of Fame was established in 1995, by then athletic director, Mr. Mike Stephenson, with the help of the Alumni Association and principal Father John Sanders. Coach Stephenson realized at that point the

need for Saints to establish a manner in which to recognize the vast athletic achievements of the school's teams, coaches, and athletes. A committee was formed, guidelines were written, and in fall of 1995, Saints inducted its first class of members into the Hall of Fame.

The event began as an every-other-year process before shifting to an annual induction ceremony, highlighted by an evening gathering and dinner party. In the early 2000s, the Hall of Fame committee, in conjunction with school administration, decided to move the event to a fall rally to be held in front of the school body, where the inductees can share their Saints experiences with the current student body.

This event celebrated the 24th induction ceremony of the St. Augustine High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

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Saintsmen, you are brothers, firstly, because I am a brother. I am a brother of the Order of St. Augustine, sometimes you hear us referred to as Augustinian friars – indeed, *frater* is Latin for brother. To my sides, you see dozens of brothers – literally from all over the world. From Japan, Belgium, Ireland; and Nigeria, Brazil, and Spain; Korea, Mexico and Australia... I think you are beginning to see the idea... friars from dozens of countries, including our Prior General Fr. Alejandro, his Vicar General Fr. Joseph, and his Curia are here with us today.

These representatives from around the world have gathered here in San Diego, and have been here for some days, celebrating what is known as a Chapter. A meeting representing the whole – and so in the faces of my brothers you also see the representatives of the nearly 2,000 Augustinians friars around the world.

As Augustinian brothers, we gather together in the spirit of *Unitas*, for it is good for brothers to be together. To walk in the footsteps of our Holy Father Augustine and seek to be of one mind and one heart, united as one. The Chapter allows the brothers to share their joys and their struggles, strengths and weaknesses, areas for future collaboration and growth, new possibilities for ministry, and most importantly, seeking the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit in our fraternal life.

Through true unity and an authentic sharing of self and the stories of the brothers whom each of these men represent, we come to discover a deeper unveiling of the truths of our lives and the lived experience of the Order around the world.

There is no doubt that Saintsmen love being Saintsmen. This applies of course not only to the current student body, but the many Saintsmen, and supporters of Saints, who have joined us today in person and in spirit from the ranks of the alumni, the ranks of the moms, and the ranks of the friends of our school.

While yes, if you took a snapshot of the school about every 15 or so years, you would find that the school has gone through various changes; and that while the physical plant looks quite different, we never forget that what it means to be a Saintsmen has not. This is indisputably in no small part because of the dedication and ministry of the 110 Augustinian friars whom we honored outside in our ceremony today before Mass. And we give thanks, because these 110 friars took the joy of their Augustinian brotherhood, and invited you to grow as Saintsmen into The Brotherhood.



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NOW. Artist Ms. Carole Choucair Oueijan (at front of crowd) addresses the school community and shares an explanation of her work at the unveiling of her mosaic of the Mother of Good Counsel that now adorns St. Augustine High's Villanova Hall. The mosaic was fashioned after the painting of Our Mother of Good Counsel that hangs in the 13th Century Augustinian Church at Genazzano, Italy.



AUGUSTINIANS. The visiting Augustinian friars enjoyed the American cultural tradition of the tailgate! They were in San Diego to join in the celebrations honoring St. Augustine High School's 100th anniversary. While here Saints Chaplain Max Villeneuve, O.S.A. hosted the group to a Saints high school football game. Helix won in a slugfest 42-29.

The Augustinians are shown here before the Saints vs. Helix at the Mesa College parking lot.

Left to right: Fr. Claudio, Fr. Angel, Fr. Mauricio, Fr. Dominic, Fr. Christian, Fr. Juan, Fr. Javier, Fr. Edward, Fr. Mathias, Fr. Futoshi, Fr. Max, Fr. Peter, and Fr. John.

I would ask, if you would indulge me, that we take a moment to enter into an exercise of imagination, and to envision the worldwide Order of St. Augustine as, if you will, a great tree – because I believe on this day, it is important that as a school community, that we see where we reside on this great tree –so to speak – of our Order –because doing so will allow us to see what it means for us to be an Augustinian school.

On this tree, I see something amazing and dazzling from a distance. I see a fruit, and it is called Saints/The Brotherhood, and it is a wonderful and beautiful fruit of that tree, bringing great joy to countless souls as it has ripened.

But, as we gathered outside before Mass, let us never forget that it is through the ministry of those 110 Augustinians that forms the “branch” which connects the fruit to that great tree. It is the branch which sends nourishment to the fruit, which supports it as it is buffeted by the winds of the world, and most importantly, what holds proudly the fruit aloft so that all may witness to the good work of God upon it.

And within this Centennial Mass we celebrate another important anniversary, as it is the 99th anniversary, not of our school, but of our campus. For it was on this very day, September 16th, 1923, 99 years ago- that this campus in North Park was dedicated by Bishop Cantwell of Los Angeles - yes, our school predates even the Diocese of San Diego- to the glory of God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

This campus has seen it all. When our school was founded, and this is hard to imagine now, but anti-Catholic sentiment in San Diego was so strong that the Ku-klux-klan burnt crosses on the front lawn of the Monastery in an effort to scare off the friars and force them to close our school. If the KKK knew anything about Augustinian friars, they ought to have known that ordering us what to do would ensure that we would not do it. So of course, we did not close our school. Then came the depression, world war, economic booms and busts, and a century of social upheavals and revivals.

Only something such as a deeply rooted brotherhood of the Order of St. Augustine could not only withstand these forces, but also allow the school to thrive as it matured through them.

This is because the mission of our school has always been the same. It is we, the brothers of the Order of St. Augustine, who pray, teach, mentor, console, advocate, advise, forgive, encourage, enlighten, and challenge, and we do this because we love our mission: to serve the Saints of St. Augustine High School, who form, dare I say, the greatest brotherhood within our beloved Order of our Holy Father Augustine.

Saints, of all ages, and to you the supporters and benefactors of our school gathered here today. This is a day in which we can truly give thanks and praise to God through the Eucharist which every week has been celebrated at this school. Jesus Christ made present among us, Jesus Christ, our brother, uniting His very self to our brotherhood, it is this uniting by the Lord, which makes our brotherhood- The Brotherhood. May almighty God continue to bless us, and may He watch over us, for the next century to come. Amen.



Saints Baseball Fields Set for Renovation

For the past 33 years, Saints baseball program has had a license agreement with the City of San Diego to use part of the Hickman Field complex, a large tract with a dozen baseball and other sports fields.

Just north of Clairemont Drive and East of I-805 is a vast collection of City of San Diego owned youth baseball and soccer fields called Hickman Field.

Hickman Field is being revamped to include paved roadways, lighted parking spaces, ADA access curbing and sidewalks, new exterior landscaping, new entry and exit points, permanent restroom facilities, and provide underground piping for potable as well as reclaimed water and underground electrical lines.

Saints has a license agreement with the City of San Diego through our affiliation with the Hickman Youth Athletic Association - HYAA and have been there since 1989, more than 33 years.

The project which is being funded through the City of San Diego for approximately \$8 million has been in the works for a decade. The project is slated to be completed by November 2023. Upon completion of the project the exterior areas of all the playing fields for all the organizations in HYAA will have received a long-awaited facelift that will once and for all complement the quality of all the work that has gone into maintaining and improving the playing fields at the Hickman Field complex.

HOME PLATE. The Hickman Improvement Project is underway at Hickman Field, which is home

to our Saints Baseball Program, where Saints play home games on Stephenson Diamond at Whittaker Field (above).



GROUNDBREAKERS.

Community leaders and Hickman Field associates met recently to break ground on the much-awaited revitalization program for the Hickman youth fields in North Clairemont. Left to right are North City Youth Baseball Board Member; Craig DaLuz, Saints Baseball Coach and Board Member; HYAA President and Power Surge Softball Board Member; San Diego City Councilman Chris Cate; Mesa Soccer/Albion Soccer Club Board Member; Nomads Soccer Club Board Member and Nomads Soccer Club and HYAA Secretary.



ALBERT JOSEPH HICKMAN
 Ensign, U. S. Navy
 "Hickman a Hero, Brave and True"



Fighter Squadron 121



Iowa State Flag



Navy Marine Corps Medal

December 4, 1959 about 12 noon, a U.S. Navy Fighter jet piloted by Albert Joseph Hickman, 21, crashed in a Clairemont Canyon. The pilot deliberately stayed with the aircraft to avoid crashing into Hawthorne Elementary School saving as many as 700 lives. In 1962, American Legion Post #460 was dedicated to Hickman. A new Mira Mesa School was named Hickman Elementary in recognition of his heroism. During the naming ceremony for Hickman Elementary School in 1971, seven students recited the following:

"H" is for Hickman a hero brave and true, "I" is for the important decision to do what he knew, "C" is for the Children he must have been thinking of, "K" is for the Kindness he showed and the love, "M" is for Mira Mesa where our school will share his name, "A" is for Albert an American we are proud to claim, "N" is for our Nation he served with no shame."

"YOUR HEROISM WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN"



Hickman Elementary School



American Legion Post #460



F3H Demon Aircraft

SAINTS TRADITIONS

The Freshman Retreat

Note: *Saints Scene*, as part of celebrating the school's 100th anniversary of its founding, is featuring a yearlong series of articles highlighting its beloved traditions. Last month: Beanies Through the Years.

By James Horne, Principal

The Freshmen Retreat at Saints has long been a staple of the Saints Experience. This first retreat of a student's four-year journey focuses on the theme of *Unitas* (unity), the Augustinian Value of one-ness and community. The Freshman Retreat welcomes students into the brotherhood and helps them to begin to build camaraderie and fellowship with their classmates.

Over the years, the freshman retreat has been an opportunity for freshmen to build community with one another, as well as to feel included in our own spiritual community here at Saints. While retreating Freshman Saintsmen engage in activities with Senior and Junior Big Brothers, various Saints Faculty members and Families, in prayer, games, meals and service.

Every year in the Senior Exit Interviews there are students who highlight the Freshman Retreat as one of the most meaningful and memorable moments of their time at Saints.



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