



SAINTS SCENE

Happy New Year!
Back to School >> 2023-2024 Edition



ONE OF US. A decade ago, then Prior General of the Order of St. Augustine, Fr. Robert Prevost, presided over Mass at St. Augustine Gym in honor of the school's 90th anniversary. This month, Pope Francis elevated Archbishop Prevost to the rank of Cardinal. See article Page 2. Photo by Alum Michael Cali ('13).

Catholic Education's Post Pandemic Revival; & Future Promise

By Edwin Hearn, President
St. Augustine High School



President Edwin Hearn

As an Augustinian Catholic High School, we are members of the National Catholic Educational

Association (NCEA) and as such receive their quarterly magazine, Momentum. It is a publication that keeps educators and

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New School Carpool Plan Debuts

Looking for a carpool to school? Saints will launch a new app called **Carpool to School** at this year's *Meet the Teacher Night* Sept. 6 @ 6:30pm. This great new app will give the Saints Community the ability to leverage

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Speedy Reminder Not to Speed

St. Augustine High School respects and values its home, the historic North Park district in San Diego. We strive to treat our friends and neighbors, the citizens of North Park, with respect in everything we do. Over the years we have worked to improve parking both for the

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"Living in Hope" Romans: 12:12 Dear Saints, Families & Community



Principal James Horne

Welcome!
The school is excited to start the new year with the following theme from the Bible: "Living in Hope."

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American Augustinian Elevated to Cardinal

By Saints Chaplain Maxime Villeneuve, OSA



Cardinal-Designate Robert Prevost, O.S.A.

On Sunday, July 9th, Pope Francis announced a consistory to be held on September 30th, 2023 in which 21 prelates would be elevated to the rank of Cardinal. In a historic moment for the Order of St. Augustine, Archbishop Robert Prevost, O.S.A. was among those chosen by the Holy Father.

Cardinal-designate Prevost is a Chicago native who joined the Augustinians and largely served as a missionary in Peru from 1985-1999. In 1999 He was elected Prior Provincial of the Midwest Province, and shortly thereafter in 2001 he was elected Prior General of the Order of St. Augustine. As Prior General Cardinal-designate Prevost worked closely with the Province of St. Augustine in California on several projects. He is a friend of St. Augustine High School- celebrating Mass here on numerous occasions.

He has a connection to our school Chaplain Fr. Max, OSA, in that he was his Director of Formation in the Fall of 2014. That changed when the Holy Father called the Cardinal-designate to serve as Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru. More recently, he was elevated to the rank of Archbishop, and called to Rome to head the Dicastery of Bishops- the office that assists the Holy Father in selecting new bishops for the Church.

In a historic moment for the Order of St. Augustine, he will be the first Cardinal under 80 years old since Cardinal Sebastiano Martinelli, O.S.A. who was elevated to the College of Cardinals in 1901. Cardinal Prospero Grech was made a Cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012, but he was over 80 years old when he was chosen as thanksgiving for his life of service to the Church as an academic.

The St. Augustine High School community unites in prayer for Cardinal-designate Prevost. *Ad multos annos!*



HONOR OF A LIFETIME.

Later this September at the Vatican, Archbishop Robert Prevost O.S.A., is among 21 prelates, who will be elevated to the rank of Cardinal by Pope Francis.

Saints Youth Day Pilgrims Celebrated Mass With Pope Francis



Earlier this summer 23 Saintsmen made a pilgrimage to World Youth Day and Augustinian Youth Encounter in Lisbon Portugal. They were joined by 20 students from Villanova Preparatory School, Ojai CA and the Academy of Our Lady of Peace.

Among the high points of the trip were joining the world's young people and to celebrate our faith with a Mass with Pope Francis on Sunday August 6, 2023.

Trip chaperones were Saints Chaplain Fr. Max; Faculty member Eric Dent ('90) and Alum Spencer Lowe ('17).





Sunday, September 10, 2023 • 4:00pm

Family Mass & BBQ

at St. Augustine High School

Bring a lawn Chair.
Mass will be held on
the Athletic Fields.
BBQ to follow.



A great opportunity to see old friends and create new relationships with others in our Saints Community, graciously hosted by Fr. Max and the APA!

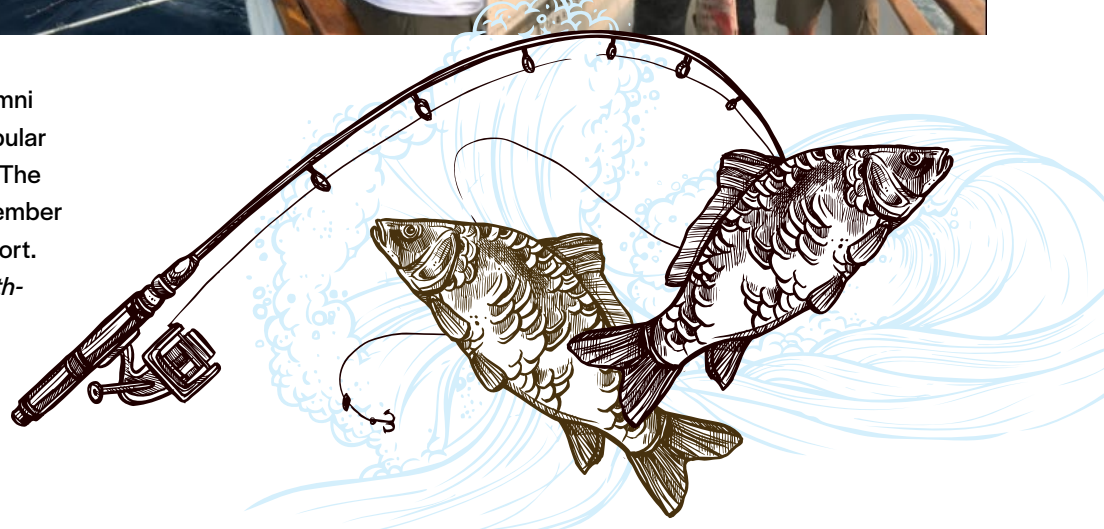
A donation box will be available to those who wish to donate to Hogar Infantil Orphanage, a wonderful organization sponsored by our community of Augustinians that is near and dear to our hearts as well!



Annual Fishing Trip



HURRY. This year's Annual St. Augustine Alumni Association Fishing Trip will be aboard the popular "Malihini" that's berthed out of H&M Landing. The date for the 14th annual fish off is set for September 10, 2023. Space is limited. Time is running short. Check in at <https://alumni.sahs.org/events/14th-annual-fishing-trip>



Campus Info Finder

A Quick Tutorial for New Parents



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.

1. Saint's Website

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 (filled with event reminders, community news, and student highlights)

5. Instagram

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	rhammock@sahs.org
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Chaplain	Fr. Max Villeneuve	mwilleneuve@sahs.org



A Place to Pray on Campus

St. Monica's Prayer Group Welcomes All

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.

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. Come as often as you can, stay as long as you can.

For More Information

Please contact Nicole Mullins at saintmonicaprayergroup@gmail.com

Let Us Pray

All Masses at 7:50am followed by Rosary

Date	Day	Notes
Aug 17	Thursday	St. Clare of Montefalco
Aug 24	Thursday	
Aug 31	Thursday	
Sept 7	Thursday	Welcome Reception
Sep 14	Thursday	
Sep 21	Thursday	
Sep 28	Thursday	
Oct 5	Thursday	
Oct 12	Thursday	
Oct 19	Thursday	
Oct 26	Thursday	
Nov 2	Thursday	All Souls Day
Nov 9	Thursday	
Nov 16	Thursday	
Nov 30	Thursday	
Dec 7	Thursday	Christmas Reception
Christmas and Intersession Break		
Feb 1	Thursday	Mass in Gym with School
Feb 8	Thursday	
Feb 15	Thursday	
Feb 22	Thursday	
Mar 29	Thursday	
Mar 7	Thursday	
Mar 14	Thursday	St. Patrick's Day Reception
Mar 21	Thursday	
Holy Week and Easter Break		
Apr 11	Thursday	
Apr 18	Thursday	
Apr 25	Thursday	
May 2	Thursday	
May 9	Thursday	
May 16	Thursday	Year End Reception

Alums Pitch in to Celebrate the Brotherhood

The Brotherhood was alive and well when 40 Saints Alums from the classes of '63 to '18 broke bread together at Bully's East to have the inaugural St. Augustine Alumni Professionals' Network Dinner.

Due to limited space at the previous venue, the Alum event was exclusive to the Saints Alumni Association Board Members and their guests. Moving forward, this quarterly Alumni event will be open to all Saints Alums. The next Alumni Professionals' Network event will be held September 19, 2023. Venue and speaker info: <http://sahs.org/>

We were honored to have Ron Gladnick, Saints Head Football Coach, and entrepreneur as our first-ever speaker. Thank you Ron for your inspiring presentation on your business and football life.

The room was filled with Saints Alums representing the following professional industries; insurance, marketing, technology, finance, human resources, contracting, sales, education, accounting, film production, law, city officials, and commercial & residential real estate.

Many thanks to the following Saintsmen who sponsored last night's event: Matt Ryan '11 of Focused Mission Financial, Mark Ignacio '04 Estate Planning Attorney, Patrick Ferry '11 with Aztec Paving, and Greg Park '08 of Legacy Park Advisory Firm.



Yes, There is Time to Take Care of School Details

Office Hours are two regularly scheduled blocks of time (usually Tuesday/Friday), that precede the school day. Some mistakenly think that academic tutoring is the only use of the office hours' time when there are 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. 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.



Office Hours Ideas:

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

Where Are They Now? Those Summer Wedding Bells

Isabel Tubao (OLP '15) and Alexander Danilowicz (Saints '15) had their wedding in Valle de Guadalupe, Mexico on Saturday, July 22nd, 2023. Dozens of Saintsmen and OLP Pilots attended, including the Maid of Honor, Megan Baughman (OLP '15). Saintsmen Luis Peraza ('15), Krauss Drachenberg ('15), and Cole Larson ('15) served as groomsmen, alongside bridesmaids Viana Pham (OLP '14) and Isabel's sisters, Olivia (OLP '19) and Ava (OLP '22).

Isabel and Alexander started dating their senior year at Saints and OLP. Their first "real" conversation was on the steps of the lower plaza on the OLP campus. At Saints, Alexander was the Salutatorian and editor-in-chief of the newspaper, *The Augustinian*. But he says his "proudest achievement" was meeting Isabel.

Isabel was the captain of the varsity tennis team at OLP. Alexander studied computer science at Dartmouth College and Isabel studied education at the University of Portland. The couple did long distance throughout college and then moved to San Francisco's Mission District together.

Isabel now teaches special education for the Burlingame (CA) school district. Alex is the co-founder of Mirrorful, a software startup backed by the venture capital accelerator Y Combinator.

Y Combinator also backed companies such as Airbnb, Instacart, Reddit, Doordash, and Dropbox.



Alex Danilowicz as Saints Salutatorian ('15)



The Groomsmen



The Bridesmaids

"Living in Hope"

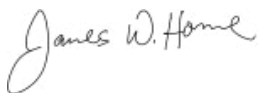
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Education on Nutmeg St. is an exercise in hope. It empowers boys with knowledge, skills, and opportunities for a better future. Our program equips Saintsmen with the tools to overcome obstacles and pursue their dreams. It ignites hope by fostering curiosity, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities, enabling young men to envision a brighter tomorrow and work towards it.

In Catholic/Christian teaching too, hope carries a profound and distinctive meaning. It is rooted in the belief in God's faithfulness, love, and ultimate victory over darkness and despair. Christian hope provides solace in times of challenge and uncertainty. It is a hope that inspires believers to live with compassion, grace, and love, actively working towards the transformation of themselves and the betterment of our world.

As we begin a new school year please pray for our students and faculty... that by developing the hearts and minds of young men in this brotherhood we may instill hope - opening doors to new possibilities, and leading them to Truth - God.

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,



James Horne
Principal



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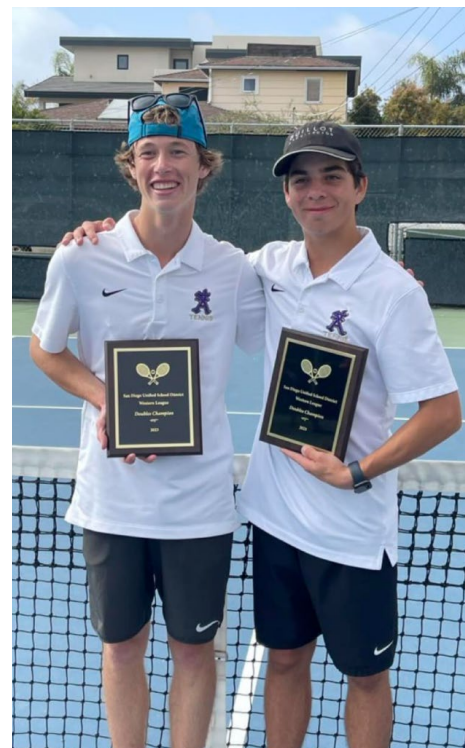




AROUND CAMPUS



PRACTICE PRACTICE. You can tell by the eager faces of these Saints Alums that Bocce season is upon us. The 28th Annual Bocce Ball Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 30th on the fields at Saints! Taking aim with their bocce balls are father/son team Jim Arthur, left with John Arthur. Gentlemen in the back were reportedly in the Fed witness protection program ergo *Saints Scene* was not privy to their names. For more bocce info: Sign up here: <https://alumni.sahs.org/events/28th-annual-alumni-bocce-ball-tournament-9-30-benefiting-family-of-alumni-scholarship-fund-0295/>



ACED THE DONS. It never gets old topping Cathedral Catholic High in any sports event be it tiddlywinks or Western League Tennis. Earlier this spring, Varsity Tennis players Saintsmen Luke Abrom (left) and Javier Guillot earned a hard-fought Western League Tennis Doubles Championship win over the Dons. Saints duo went 38-0 for the season.



MILE HIGH. Class of 2023 Saints track star Jimmy Markowicz medaled earlier this spring in the prestigious one-mile race at the Arcadia Invitational Track Meet. Congratulations to the new alum, who will be attending UC Irvine this fall.



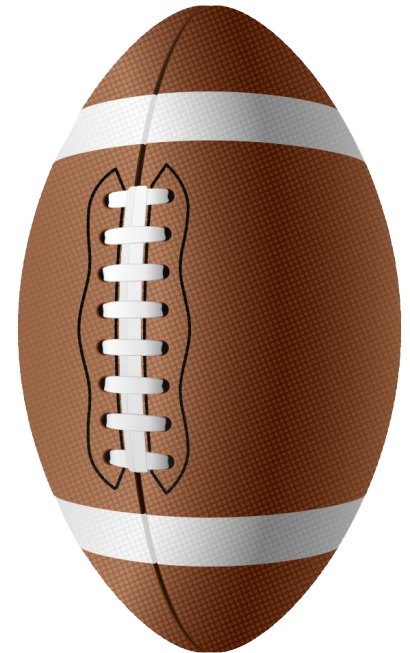
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POWDER PUFFERY. One very special event on campus just prior to summer break was the Saints/OLP Picnic and Powderpuff football games. School(s) spirit was at an all time high. Kudos to all who helped put the event on.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS. Twins George and James Burrell are thriving sophomores at St. Augustine High while Dimitri and William Gilpin are Saints Alums, who are currently Seniors at Gonzaga University. Both sets of twins are active members in the Greek Orthodox community, who found their way to Nutmeg Street and feel blessed because of that chosen path.

Left to Right: George Burrell, Dimitri Gilpin, William Gilpin and James Burrell.



AROUND CAMPUS

Arthur Harutunian passed away peacefully after a brief illness on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. He was a loving and loved son, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, and cousin. Born on November 18, 1956 at the original Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla, Arthur was the second of three sons born to Elsie & Albert Harutunian, Jr. Arthur grew up in Pacific Beach, attending Crown Point Elementary, Pacific Beach Junior High, and Mission Bay High School. His college degree was from U.C. Irvine, where he majored in Social Ecology. After college he returned to San Diego, and went to work for the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, where he remained a loyal employee for over 40 years.

Arthur was known by his friends to be a generous and caring person. He became an avid fan and supporter of the St. Augustine High School Athletic program after following the career there of a friend's son. For decades he was a fixture at Baseball and other sporting

events, making friends with St. Augustine parents and coaches, and scouting future opponents for the coaching staff. He was the first person to receive the school's annual award for support of the Athletic program who was not a parent, alumnus or faculty member. He was also a loyal supporter of the San Diego State



University Baseball team.

Another passion in Arthur's life related to his genuine admiration for the San Diego Padres' late star Tony Gwynn. Arthur's collection of Tony Gwynn autographs, game jerseys, and other collectibles grew into arguably the finest collection in the country. He was quoted in publications on the topic of Gwynn collectibles.

Arthur was predeceased by his father Albert Harutunian, Jr. in 1998, and mother Elsie Harutunian in 2014. He is survived by his brothers Albert III (Rebecca) and Robert, and his niece and nephew. Per his request, there will be no public services. His ashes will be scattered at sea in a private ceremony with immediate family. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations may be made in his memory to the St. Augustine High School Athletic Department, attn: Director of Athletics Matt Linville, 3266 Nutmeg Street, San Diego, CA 92104.

New School Carpool Plan Debuts

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technology to offer parents a trusted environment to communicate and coordinate carpools.

In 2019, Prior to the pandemic the school arranged a RideShare email list for parents to arrange their own carpools along popularly traveled routes (5, 805, 15, 8). A short time later the pandemic forced us to collapse the RideShare effort as we couldn't safely recommend families travel together during the pandemic. We re-launched the RideShare program, but through parent feedback and review of use of the list we determined the program was not convenient enough and therefore it was not as effective as we had hoped.

We still have many parents looking to find a carpool to school, so we have re-doubled our efforts and are partnering with this new organization to provide a solution for those looking to arrange rides to classes, sports practices and off-site activities.

We are still assembling the data required to push out the app and go live But join us Sept. 6th at *Meet the Teachers Night* for the official launch. We will have informational materials available to share "how it works".

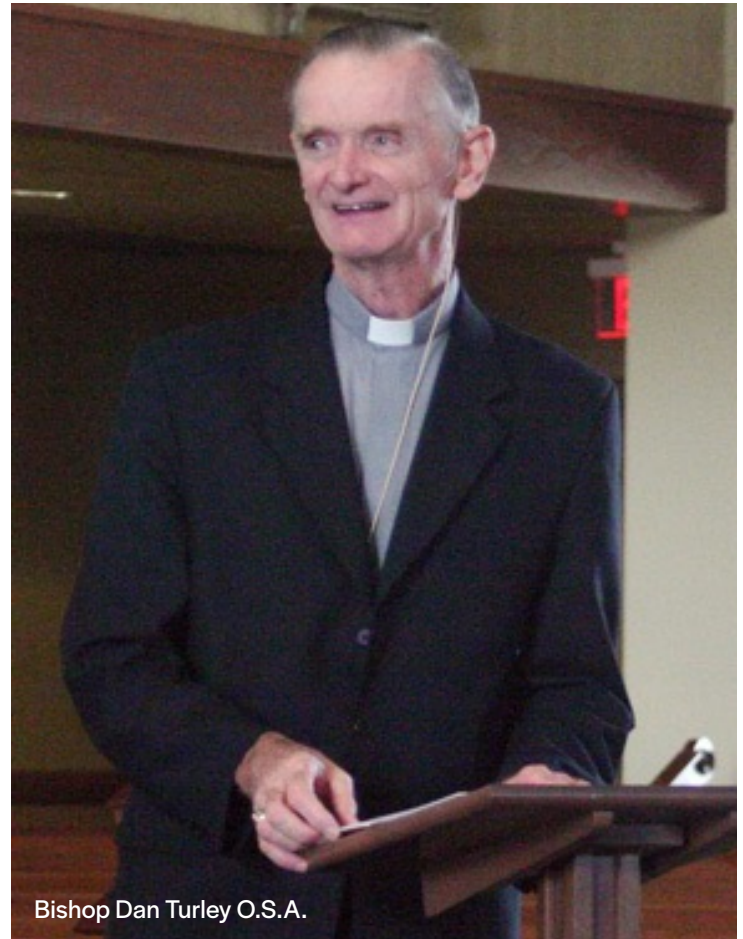
Bishop Turley Welcomed to Faculty Retreat

Resplended in school colors, the leadership of St. Augustine High School traveled to Marina Village to prepare for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year.

Numbering 75+ persons, the attendees arrived to meet and greet after a brief but restful summer break. Guest of honor for the day-long retreat was the recently retired Bishop Daniel Turley, O.S.A.

“Bishop Turley’s presence inspired all of us with his wisdom, grace and sense of humor. “His remarks about the role of Hope in our school and in the lives of its faculty and students made for a perfect beginning to the school’s 101st year in San Diego,” said Mr. James Horne, Principal.

“It was pleasant to welcome everyone back to begin a new year ... the excitement of the faculty is but one indicator that another great year awaits those who study on Nutmeg Street.



Bishop Dan Turley O.S.A.

Speedy Reminder Not to Speed

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members of the campus community and for the benefit of our neighbors.

Speeding and parking continue to be two of our more pressing concerns among our neighbors. The number of spots is limited, the streets are narrow and the patience of many can be tried at school drop-off and pick-up times.

Saints asks all parents and students to consider these parking and traffic guidelines to continue our pattern of responsiveness to neighborhood parking issues.

- Do not block driveways of our neighbors.
- Consider arranging a drop-off / pick-up location a few blocks from campus with your son to avoid the congestion on Palm and Nutmeg in the 15 minutes before and after school.
- Organize carpools with neighboring students or members of your same team/activity in an effort to help us reduce traffic.
- Remember there are no U-turns allowed on Nutmeg.
- Come to a full stop at all neighborhood stop signs, and look for pedestrians.
- Slow down and drive the speed limit in our historic neighborhood.
- Be sure to use the underground lot for all evening events on the campus.
- Always greet neighbors courteously and respond to their concerns politely.

If you are a neighbor and have comments about parking/traffic or want to report an issue with a car displaying a Saints parking placard, please contact us.

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parents abreast of new developments in the world of Catholic Education. In the spring 2023 edition, the editors featured an article, *Catholic Schools by the Numbers*. The article presents a national perspective and the great progress Catholic Schools have made in the past two years.

It is an article of hope for Catholic education and chronicles its post-pandemic revival. For decades attendance at Catholic schools has been declining. Historically, with fewer priests and nuns teaching in the schools, a growing number of lay teachers were replacing them. This meant more salaries to pay which led to higher tuition being charged to parents. Affordability has been at the forefront of parents leaving Catholic schools.

The pandemic was a game-changer for Catholic schools. With many Catholic schools open during the Covid years, there was an exodus from the public schools with many of the kids landing in parochial schools.

The Catholic school system is the second-largest educational system in the United States. The system is so vast that it saves taxpayers \$23.4 billion in funding for public schools. The 1990s found Catholic schools at their zenith. Disappointingly for the past two and a half decades, there has been a steady decline. When the pandemic hit in March 2020 and people were shuttered in their homes, it was the Catholic schools that obtained waivers to operate their schools with in-person learning. While other schools remained closed, they eventually opened with remote learning. Many parents fearing the worst for their sons and daughters found refuge in Catholic schools.

Today 1,693,493 students are educated in the Catholic school system. It is the second largest school system in the United States next to public schools. Since 2020, Catholic school enrollment has rebounded with increases of 3.8% in 2021-22 and 0.3% in 2022-23.

Christian Gentlemen
Intellectually Competent

St. Augustine High School

Living in Hope












Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
and faithful in prayer.

- Romans 12:12

Physically & Emotionally Developed
Prepared to Engage in a Changing World

2023 - 2024

In reviewing NAEP test scores, one can begin to discern why Catholic schools are beginning to gather momentum across the United States. Two statistics that largely determine later academic achievement, are elementary reading and math scores. If students are unable to read and compute, they are at a severe disadvantage when it comes to higher education.

Reviewing the 2022 NAEP results, we find that fourth-grade Catholic student surpass their counterparts in public school by 17 points in reading and 11 points higher in math on the NAEP scale. Four years later in 8th grade, the testing gap widens to a 20-point difference in reading and a 25-point differential in math. Since the NAEP evaluates skill development over time, it is obvious that the longer a child is in Catholic schools the better. This is quite an objective statement about the power of Catholic Education and one of the many reasons Catholic and non-Catholic parents consider this option for their children.

The article went on to chronicle Catholic graduation and college attendance rates for all Catholic secondary schools across the United States. Not surprisingly, the graduation rate at Catholic high schools is 98.9% which is similar to St. Augustine High School, but those graduates attending colleges nationally drop to 85.2%. As compared with Saints, the class of 2023 will send 96.5% of their graduates off to college and university life. Although statistics were not offered in the article for public schools, one immediately understands that Catholic high schools are viewed by parents as schools that are excellent in preparing students for college-level studies.

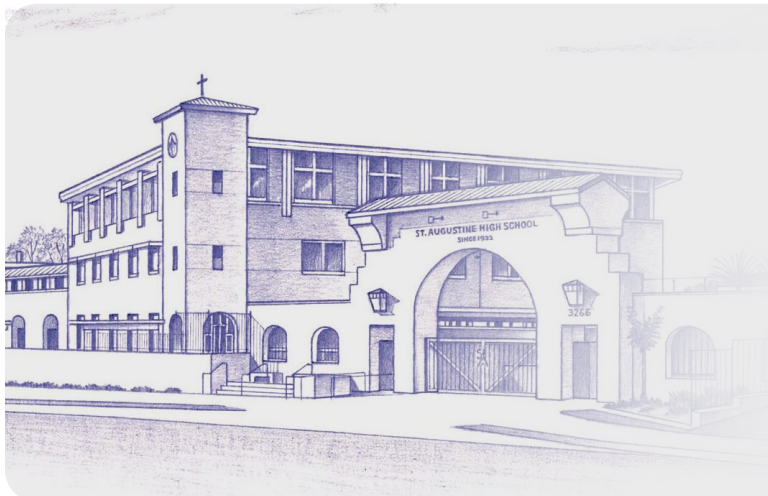
Another important statistic that was not mentioned in the article that is specific to Saints is the number of young men graduating whose parents did not attend college. Remarkably 21.3% of the class of 2023 will be attending college for the first time in their family's history.

Of the 5,920 Catholic schools across the United States, the schools in the urban centers typically are the schools that struggle financially. Research has shown the best education in these areas is in small Catholic elementary schools and secondary schools.

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The past decade has seen the closure of many Catholic schools in urban areas, while Catholic schools in the suburbs are thriving. As it is across the United States, the same dynamics also exist in San Diego. The largest issue is tuition which many under-resourced families simply cannot afford when deciding to send their children to parochial schools. To counter this trend, Saints is piloting a program, The Augustinian Promise, which helps incoming eighth graders from identified Catholic urban schools with more financial assistance with their tuition.

When considering a school like St. Augustine High School, the differences become even more striking. While graduation rates between Catholic and Public secondary schools can be deceiving, being accepted into a four-year college or university is a benchmark that speaks to a school's vitality in preparing students for the rigors of higher education. St. Augustine accomplishes this task at the highest level, along with the many other attributes of a Saints education. It is a school that fits into the excellence of Catholic education and delivers even more than promised.



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Welcome Back

Parochial Basketball Returns to Saints

The St. Augustine High Alumni Association congratulates St. Gregory the Great, Scripps Ranch for winning the Varsity division in double OT and St. Patrick, Carlsbad for winning the JV Game in triple OT.

After taking two years off because of the pandemic, teams from all over San Diego County were happy to be back at Saints Fr. Sanders Gym to play more than games on campus.

A special thank you to the Saints Administration, Father Max, Loyal Sons and our Alumni Brothers for making this year's tournament another huge success.



St. Gregory, the Great—Varsity Champions.



St. Patrick's Carlsbad—JV Champions.



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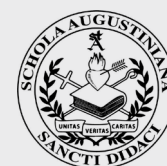
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