



SAINTS SCENE

Interession – Here We Go!

By Mr. Greg Hecht, Assistant Principal/Academics



LOTS TO DO. Saints Interession, the semester between semesters, offers a wide range of classes not normally among the regular curriculums. For example, here’s a recent Interession class in Marine Biology, which also introduces students to SCUBA diving. File photo.



Mr. Gregory Hecht

Interession is a unique term of study designed to provide our students the chance to enrich their Saints Experience and their college prep curriculum by engaging in a variety of interest-based courses.

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Prepared for the Journey?

Dear Parents and Friends,



Principal James Horne

Merry Christmas!
Happy New Year!
Joyous Epiphany!
All of these greetings are appropriate this week. We are still

in the season of Christmas as I write, but we begin Epiphany on Monday, January 6. The season of Epiphany is a season of journeying.

When I travel, I spend a lot of time thinking about what I’ll pack. What clothing, what book, what electronic gadgets, and I wonder if all of it might fit in my bag. Often I find that not everything fits in my bag, and often I want to leave some space for a souvenir or two.

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Day at the Border

Reviving a Tradition: St. Augustine Seniors Visit the U.S.–Mexico Border

After an extended hiatus due to the disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Augustine High School’s Border Day experience has triumphantly returned, offering seniors in Social Issues classes an eye-opening journey into one of today’s most complex and debated topics: immigration.

Just 17 miles from our campus lies the U.S.-Mexico border, a geographical and cultural crossroads that shapes the lives of millions. On this year’s Border Day, 18 seniors had the remarkable opportunity to explore this pivotal region, guided by an exclusive presentation and private tour provided by the U.S. Border Patrol.

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Guess Who Would Have Enjoyed Intersession at Saints?

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER / By Fr. Max Villeneuve, O.S.A.

“Only two classes of people found the Babe: the shepherds and the Wise Men; the simple and the learned; those who knew that they knew nothing, and those who knew that they did not know everything. He is never seen by the man of one book; never by the man who thinks he knows. Not even God can tell the proud anything! Only the humble can find God!”

- Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, *Life of Christ*

Saintsmen participate in a rigorous college preparatory program that prepares them to enter into university academics. One of my favorite features of the academic year is our Intersession program. Cooking, fishing, architecture, speech, Guatemala, life fitness, Senior internships, "and so much more!

This is to help to ensure that no Saintsman is the man of “one book” as described by Bishop Sheen. Further, by engaging in academic activities through non-traditional classroom means, many Saintsmen are able to make connections outside the classroom that they then bring back into the classroom.

Our Intersession term on the surface may be a more relaxed pace than normal, and there are benefits in that as well. Yet let us not mistake the decline in pace with a decrease in learning, self-discovery, or growth. That we can find Veritas in the world outside the classroom is a very Augustinian idea, and I would think that St. Augustine himself would enjoy our intersession very much. Perhaps as a chaperone on the annual trip to Italy!



Saint Augustine of Hippo receiving the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, painting by Philippe de Champaigne, 17th century.

New Year, New Courses

As we welcome the start of a new year, it's time to start thinking about courses for the 2025-2026 school year. You'll find all the details you need—along with the 2025-2026 Curriculum Guide and course selection presentation—on the St. Augustine website at www.sahs.org. These resources are here to help you and your son complete the course request forms with ease.

Here's how to get started:

- Current freshmen will receive the forms in their Speech classes.
- Current sophomores and juniors can pick up their forms from Mrs. Oliwa in the Registrar's Office.
- Forms are also available online on the St. Augustine website (www.sahs.org) under the front and academic pages.

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The Road Together Key Takeaways from This Past Football Season

By Edwin Hearn, President,
St. Augustine High School



LESSONS LEARNED. Varsity Football Coach Ron Calagher's Classroom.



President Edwin Hearn

The old adage—
“If at first
you don’t
succeed
try, try
again”

certainly applies to this year’s football team. Solutions to problems sometimes take effort beyond reason.

Persistence is a learned human trait that often makes the difference in overcoming the stumbling blocks of life. Most freshmen learn it in Algebra, some in AP Chemistry, or others in a team sport like football.

We understand that without failure we struggle to learn. But what about experiencing

failure each Friday night for 10 weeks? How does a team stay together with weekly negativity? This year’s team played hard through adversity and never quit. They were knocked down—got up—dusted themselves off and in true Saints tradition fought the next play.

It was a restart. Football was in a free fall when Coach Ron Caragher arrived to assemble his staff last winter to coach a team with little depth and little experience.

With only 25 players, the gauntlet was in front of them with the third toughest schedule in the section. As the season began, the team typically played well during

the first half and then tired in the second half. With losses mounting, the coaches stayed positive and kept teaching. The players listened and played hard even when there was no chance of victory.

Certainly, there were some bright spots but all too often there were only mistakes that led to breakdowns in overall team play. Football is a tough sport to play when loss is followed by loss. With only one game a week, the psychological toll of losing makes a significant impact on a team’s sense of well-being.

Football is hard work even when winning.

Losing can very easily lead

to more loss. With the team’s record at 0-10, the crowd attending the games dwindled, and THE PIT was empty of Saintsmen except for those few believers, the team was left to look deep inside themselves to find the energy, courage, and motivation to find a way to victory.

The fact that they stayed focused, listened to the coaches, and stayed together is a triumph in and of itself.

Then there was the clarion call from social media that was negative, divisive, ugly, and team-wrecking that was impossible to separate from the voices of the coaches.

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Financial Aid Applications for 2025–26 Now Open

The financial aid application process for the 2025-2026 school year at St. Augustine High School is now underway! Families interested in applying for financial aid are reminded that the deadline for submissions for all grade levels is January 15, 2025. Applications can be completed online at <https://apply.ismfast.com>.

For assistance with the application process, families can contact FAST directly through their 24/7 Parent Support Hotline at 877-326-FAST (3278) or by emailing their support team at familysupport@ismfast.com.

To make the application process easier, FAST provides step-by-step video tutorials, which can be accessed through the following links:



FAST Video Tutorial 001
A Guide to Completing the FAST Family Application



FAST Video Tutorial 002
How to Upload Additional Documents to Your FAST Application



FAST Video Tutorial 003
How to Authorize Your Taxes

We encourage families to begin their applications early to ensure all required documentation is submitted before the deadline.

New Year, New Courses

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On their scheduled day, each student will meet with a counselor to review their academic transcript and submit their course requests for next year.

To make this process as smooth as possible, students need to bring:

1. A completed course request form signed by a parent or guardian.
2. An Advanced Placement (AP) contract, if applicable, also signed.

Here's the schedule for course request meetings:

- Current freshmen (Class of 2028): Thursday and Friday, January 30 and 31, during Speech class.
- Current juniors (Class of 2026): Thursday and Friday, February 6 and 7, during Religion class.
- Current sophomores (Class of 2027): Thursday and Friday, February 13 and 14, during Religion class.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to your counselor. We're here to help make this process as straightforward as possible.

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TEXTBOOK Purchase and Rental Information



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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.

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

SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday,
January 18, 2025**



2025 Augustinian Achievement Award Ceremony

AROUND CAMPUS



Where Are They Now

Kyle Daly ('13)

Kyle Daly ('13), a proud alumnus of St. Augustine High School in San Diego, now serves as the head professional at Pinehurst Golf Courses #1-5 in North Carolina. This past June, Pinehurst #2 hosted the prestigious U.S. Open, and Kyle played a pivotal role in preparing the course for the world-renowned event.

Reflecting on the experience, Daly shared, “The best part about this is that one of our mottos is to ‘Deliver a U.S. Open Experience.’ It’s amazing to provide that experience not only for the players but also for the fans and employees during the actual U.S. Open.”

Kyle also highlighted the rewarding challenges of the job: “Seeing all our hard work come to fruition, especially with all the unexpected challenges, has been incredible. It’s been a great moment to step back and think, ‘Wow, this is why we did it,’ and feel proud of the role I played in making it happen.”



Kyle (center) is posed with fellow Pinehurst pros.

Saintsmen Class of 1974 Reunion Honors Fallen Classmates

The Class of 1974 recently gathered for a heartfelt breakfast reunion, reflecting on cherished memories and honoring their fellow Saintsmen who have passed away.

Held at a cozy local diner, the gathering brought together (from right to left): Greg Gomez, Joseph Minick, Pete Kammerer, Richard Adame, Dan Goebel, Tim O’Hara, Joseph Weber, Mike Bojorquez, Luis Chacón, Bernie Ordon, and Alfredo Valencia. The group shared stories, laughter, and a strong sense of brotherhood that has endured over the decades.

The reunion served as a powerful reminder of the enduring bond shared by Saintsmen and the importance of keeping the spirit of *Unitas* alive. Thank you, Luis for the photo.



AROUND CAMPUS



Two Guys = Five Guys

Every so often Honorary Saints Alum and retired faculty bon vivant Winnie Arnn sends Saints Scene a noteworthy bit of news like she offers, these two should be nicknamed “Five Guys” for their incredible cheeseburgers, hot dogs, breakfast burritos, and quesadillas!

A huge thank you to Justin Williams ('91) and Lance Klem ('88) for keeping everyone well-fed at the recent STA Alum Parochial School Flag Football Tournament. Go Saints!



Prepared for the Journey?

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Our journey of faith is different from a physical journey, but we should be packing nevertheless. During this season of Epiphany, think about what you place in your spiritual backpack and take time to help your Saintsman son to pack for his faith journey?

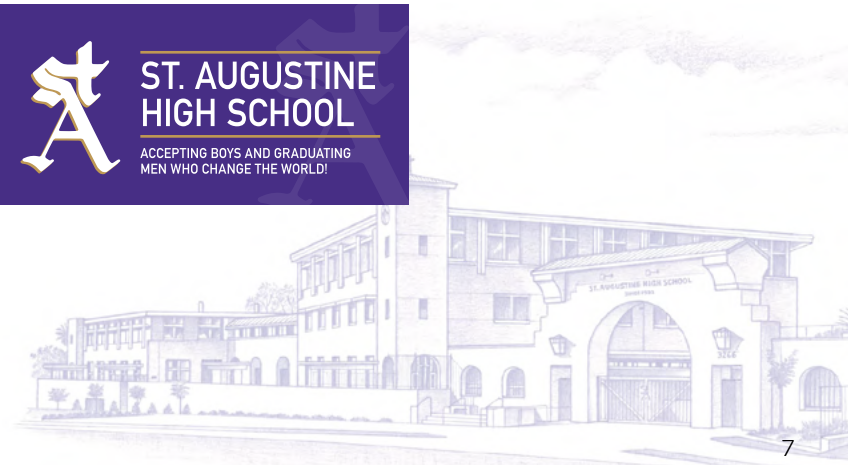
Some things we may elect to take with us as we journey to meet others in the name of Christ are a smile, a loving heart and an open mind, but what else? Prayers, a collection of sacred songs, the psalms, a prayer book, a Catholic app? Just as each of us has our own story of faith, each of us needs different supports for the journey. There is no — one size fits all in the spiritual world, any more than in the physical world.

We may always forget something when packing, and in those moments it can be assuring to remember that part of the joy of any journey is to pick up a few things along the way, and perhaps leave a few things behind. Talk with your Saintsman about his spiritual journey. This may be the season in which he discovers a new treasure, or recovers something he has let slip away.

May your journey through Epiphany be a blessed pilgrimage of faith for you, your son and your family.

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,

James Horne
Principal



Day at the Border

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The day began with an informative session led by Border Patrol agents, who shared their insights into the operational challenges and policy intricacies of border management. Students learned about the human stories behind immigration statistics, the safety measures in place for border communities, and the multifaceted roles of Border Patrol agents—far beyond the common portrayals in media.

Following the presentation, students embarked on a private tour of the border infrastructure, witnessing firsthand the imposing barriers, technological systems, and vast landscapes that define this international boundary. The experience was both sobering and thought-provoking, offering a unique perspective on an issue that often feels abstract in classroom discussions.

For our seniors, Border Day isn't just an educational excursion; it's an opportunity to grapple with the ethical, social, and political dimensions of immigration. Students engaged in thoughtful discussions, considering perspectives from migrants seeking new opportunities to the Border Patrol agents tasked with upholding national policies.

"Our proximity to the border gives us a unique chance to foster meaningful conversations about immigration," said Principal James Horne. "It's not just about learning the facts—it's about developing empathy, critical thinking, and a deeper understanding of the world."

As we continue to nurture well-rounded students prepared to address the challenges of the modern world, experiences like Border Day remind us of the importance of learning beyond the classroom. We're proud to offer our students this unparalleled chance to witness history, policy, and humanity intersect at our nation's border.



Border Patrol presentation to students.



Saints Seniors at the Border

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Sports Pages

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Football



STATE BATTLE. Saints Varsity Football Team earned the right to play in the State Championship after capturing San Diego CIF Division III crown. In a tough contest Saints was bested by Downey's St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy 7-28.

Basketball

Hoopla!

Varsity Basketball Schedule and Game Scores to Date

As of deadline, the St. Augustine High School varsity basketball team in San Diego has the following schedule for the 2024-2025 season:

Completed Games:

- November 21: Lost to La Jolla Country Day, 50-68
- November 23: Lost to Olympian, 63-75
- November 26: Lost to Mission Hills, 66-73 (Double Overtime)
- November 29: Won against Madison, 76-52
- November 30: Lost to Coronado, 61-65
- December 4: Won against Steele Canyon, 64-48
- December 13: Lost to Carlsbad, 54-77
- December 18: Lost to Roosevelt, 36-79
- December 19: Tarkanian Classic in Las Vegas, Lost to SPXSMA 45-77
- December 20: Tarkanian Classic in Las Vegas, Lost to Campbell Hall 64-75
- December 21: Tarkanian Classic in Las Vegas, Lost to Centennial 53-70
- December 26: Torrey Holiday Classic, Won vs. Louisville High 52-46
- December 27: Torrey Holiday Classic, Lost vs Archbishop Riordan 58-64
- December 28: Torrey Holiday Classic, Lost vs. Windward High 64-68

Upcoming Games:

- January 7: Home game against Santa Fe Christian, 6:00 PM
- January 10: Home game against Victory Christian Academy, 7:00 PM
- January 14: Home game against University City, 5:45 PM
- January 17: Away game at Cathedral Catholic, 7:30 PM
- January 21: Home game against Mission Bay, 5:45 PM
- January 24: Home game against Scripps Ranch, 7:30 PM
- January 25: Nike Extravaganza at Mater Dei Santa Ana vs. Centennial, 4:30 PM
- January 28: Home game against Patrick Henry, 6:00 PM
- January 30: Away game at Sage Creek, 7:00 PM
- February 4: Away game at University City, 5:45 PM
- February 7: Home game against Cathedral Catholic, 7:30 PM
- February 11: Away game at Mission Bay, 5:45 PM
- February 13: Away game at Scripps Ranch, 7:30 PM



JUNIOR SENSATION. Top team scorer Jaden Bailes.

Cross Country

Another Banner Year for Cross Country

Highlights. The 2024 cross country team entered the season with high hopes of winning a third straight Eastern League Championship and qualifying to the division 3 state championships. The team was led by a strong core of six runners including seniors Owen Arnaudy, Trent Torres, Ramy Jaibaji, juniors Jamie Gerding, Peter Jordan and Sophomore Nico Sanchez. A strong sophomore and freshman class added depth and gives the program a bright future.

Perfecto. The team finished the regular league season a perfect 12-0 for the second straight year, winning their third straight Eastern League title with three runners placing in the top 10 at the league championship race. The Team also won their race at the 76th annual Mt. SAC Invitational. The team kept their momentum going finishing 3rd in the Division 3 CIF Championship race with three runners placing inside the top 20.

Senior Spotlight. Owen Arnaudy has been an integral part of the cross-country team since his freshman year. He has faced several injuries during his time, including a fractured tibia his freshman year, a fractured wrist sustained right before his sophomore track season, and a fractured femur sustained during his junior year in track, but has continued to battle back each time to help the team reach their goals. He has been a team captain over the last two seasons, was Eastern League junior runner of the year last season taking 2nd place at the league championship race. This season, despite having only run less than half the season, he finished second at the league championships earning him senior runner of the year for the Eastern League. He has helped the team to a 35-1 league record over the past three seasons and a perfect 12-0 league record this year. Owen has an incredible work ethic, and his dedication to the team and his teammates is unmatched. To follow Saints cross country use saintsxc.com



WINNERS. Saints captures Eastern League Championships (Top row left to right): Jamie Gerding (11), Trent Torres (12), Ramy Jaibaji (12), Billy Gault (12), Owen Arnaudy (12), Tom Metivet (9), Jovanny Guzman (10), Levi Clair (12) (Bottom Row): Peter Jordan (11), Nico Sanchez (10).



CIF TEAM. Saints San Diego CIF D3 Team: (From left to right) Coach Chris Yoakum, Coach Nick Pradel, Jamie Gerding (11), Trent Torres (12), Peter Jordan (11), Owen Arnaudy (12), Nico Sanchez (10), Levi Clair (12), Tom Metivet (9), Coach Aaron Okuley.



STATE QUALIFIERS.. Saints D3 State qualifying team: (from left to right) Levi Clair (12), Peter Jordan (11), Jamie Gerding (11), Owen Arnaudy (12), Ramy Jaibaji (12), Nico Sanchez (10), Trent Torres (12).



THE FUTURE. The JV team in a huddle before a league race at nearby Morley Field.

ALUMNI NOTES

Classy Reunions

Highlights From Alumni Homecoming Weekend

Lots happened over the recent Saints Alumni Homecoming Weekend as Friends and familiar faces arrived on campus to celebrate the annual remembrance buzz.

THURSDAY: Class of 1984 began the Homecoming fun with a happy hour mixer on Thursday Night at Bully's Restaurant and sports bar in Mission Valley.

FRIDAY: Friday morning had Alums attending the school Mass in the gymnasium. Class of '06 graduate Father Raphael (a.k.a. Jacob Schaner) was the presiding priest over the Mass.

Per tradition whenever a Saintsman returns back to school to celebrate his first Mass as an ordained priest, he awards the school with "a get out of school card," which is day off whenever he chooses. Fr. Raphael picked the recent Wednesday before 2024 Thanksgiving. If you enjoyed an extra long Turkey Day vacation be sure to thank Fr. Rafael.

After attending Mass, By noon, the Golden Alumni from the classes of 1951-1960 enjoyed a celebratory brunch in the gym.

SATURDAY: The big day for Homecoming Weekend is Reunion Saturday. Various classes celebrating anywhere from 5 year to 60 year reunions return to Saints. For some it is their first time seeing all the new buildings and facilities. They marvel at the new gym and the state of the art theater.

The campus was teeming with former Saintsman as well as some OLP Pilots. Loyal Son school ambassadors assisted with check-in and showed alums around the campus.

Food was catered by Don Pedro's taco shop as music and conversation filled the night air.

The weather was clear and mild, a stunning sunset provided some purple hues to the evening sky. Mother Nature knew it was a big night as well. As the event drew to a close, nobody wanted to leave and many continued the fun in the North Park neighborhood establishments.



BULLY FOR US. At the base of the Texas Street hill lay a San Diego restaurant and sports bar landmark called Bully's East. This longtime establishment was descended upon one Thursday night last month to help launch Saints Homecoming Weekend. This season it was the Class of 1984 clad in purple and gold who celebrated with uproarious laughter, large pints, and steak dinners. conclusion many stayed to continue the festivities.



CLASS of 1984. Alum fun continued on Friday night with a tailgater before the annual homecoming varsity football game Saints vs. the Lincoln High Hornets. While the outcome of the game wasn't ideal, the atmosphere amongst the alums was sky high. Student body and players alike recalled how much fun those Friday nights were.



Event catered by Don Pedro Taco Shop in Chula Vista.



CLASS of 2006. Graduate Father Raphael (a.k.a. Jacob Schaner) was the presiding priest at this year's Homecoming Mass. He is posed here with his brother Luke from the Class of 2007.



THE GOLDIES. By inviting a decade of Alums from 1951 to 1960 attendance soared. The Golden Alums had reserved seating for Homecoming Mass.



CLASS of 1989. Nice crowd as the '89ers celebrated 35th reunion.

The Eternal Fraternity that is St. Augustine High School once again shown brightly on this Fall night, illuminating how special the bond is amongst its loyal sons.

The sentiment remains as it always has throughout the 100 years of this institution: Once a Saintsman, always a Saintsman. May it always remain this way.

As you read this lift a glass toasting our dear Alma Mater.



CLASS of 1979. Celebrating 45th reunion are the combined alumnae of Saints and OLP.



CLASS of 2014. On campus, Alums and family recently celebrated a decade's worth of alumni activities. Possible Class of '38 Frosh stopped by for this photo op.

Key Takeaways from This Past Football Season

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In dire situations such as these there are two ways to go—point the finger at others as the problem or look deeply within one's heart to continue to improve and foster a sense of brotherhood with your teammates to stay together.

Those following Saints football witnessed a team that continued playing hard no matter the score. There was love from the coaches and teammates alike. There was no quit in these young men. They played their hearts out play after play right to the final whistle.

The community of support surrounding this team helped it to endure close losses on the way to a winless regular season.

The community understood this would be a process, the learning continued and through the crucible of competition the team became closer and the will to win gained energy.

When the CIF playoffs were seeded, Saints was seeded 12th in Division III. Many people questioned whether Saints should even be in the playoffs. It was a seed in a division Saints once ruled in the first decade and a half of this century.

When the size of the school was the determining factor for placement in a division, Saints was a Division III school. When this size of school was replaced with competitive ability, one Coach, Richard Sanchez, was able to create a football program that competed at the Open Division level.

To begin the playoffs, Coach Ron Caragher and his staff faced La Jolla Country Day. In a game dominated by Saints, the drought was over. A coach whose smile never wavered had persevered with a 16-0 victory.

Next came a trip to the desert to play Holtville on a cold, windy night. Once again, Saints defied the odds to upset the number two seed 10-6.

People began to take notice and at the next game, a large crowd showed up at the old Balboa Stadium for a tilt with San Diego High School.

Given the regular season, no one predicted Saints would be able to earn the opportunity to compete in this semi-final game. It was a semi-final contest for bragging rights in the neighborhood.



TOP STUDENT/ATHLETES. Saints Varsity Football also earned top GPA for San Diego Section CIF.

Certainly, Division III competition is not Division I competition, but this team was finally where it should be when the season began and now the Cavers would be the testing ground for how far this ragtag Saints team had come.

Although the game was fraught with Saints mistakes, the boys kept their composure and their fight for the finals was unparalleled. In a hard-fought game and with the game on the line in the waning seconds of the contest Saints were holding onto a 6-point lead, Saints caused their fourth turnover of the second half.

The coaches closed it out with the perfect execution of running the clock down and taking a safety with two seconds remaining.

The ball was squibbed and kicked from the 20-yard line and the game was over. With this improbable win, Saints was on the way to the finals.

With a large crowd gathering for the game over the Thanksgiving holiday, the excitement was palpable. There was a buzz of excitement that greeted the Saintsmen that many had left for dead just a few weeks ago took the field on an unusual 3:30 p.m. start on a Saturday against the San Pasqual High School Golden Eagles.

In a game that saw Saints dominate the first three quarters 13-0.

The Golden Eagles mounted an 18-play drive to score their only points of the game.

With 35 seconds left in the fourth quarter, San Pasqual tried an onside kick that they recovered where they drove to the Saints 25-yard line before they turned the ball over to the Saints on downs for a most improbable championship—a championship that had never been envisioned and one that placed Saints as back-to-back champions in two different divisions.

There was grit, a persistence with the team which is an example for all Saintsmen.

Greatness usually comes with a positive outlook and the perseverance to continue to learn the skills necessary to succeed. Interestingly, an elite football coach from the past, Bo Schembechler once said, “Those who stay will be champions.” This was the harder road and so much more was learned.

Congratulations to the Saints Football Team for winning the 2024 CIF Division III Championship.



HOME OF CHAMPIONS. Students pose around campus sign hailing CIF championship.

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Our desire to help students develop a passion for learning can sometimes be difficult to accomplish in traditional college prep classes. Providing students the opportunity to investigate studies in areas that interest them sparks a curiosity and inquisitiveness that naturally stimulates their desire to learn new things. Offering courses like Christian service in a cultural context, marine biology, architecture, robotics, aquatic sports, cooking, and a host of internship opportunities, will give the students new and unique opportunities to discover a passion and/or skill set that they may embrace well beyond high school.

The Interession term for the 2024-2025 school year begins on January 6, 2025, and ends on January 31, 2025. Martin Luther King Day will be observed on January 20, 2025.

All Interession courses are a significant part of the graduation requirements for St. Augustine High School. Regular attendance during Interession is also necessary for a meaningful learning experience. Since Interession courses are compacted semester courses, students should not miss more than two days of Interession.

Please be aware, if a student is absent three (3) days from an Interession course, he may be denied credit in that class thus affecting his graduation credits required for the St. Augustine High School diploma.

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

During Interession, every course which includes those taught on campus, as well as those that take place off campus, (i.e., sports/athletics, internships, and travel courses) will follow ALL regular school policies with respect to grades, attendance, standards of dress, and student discipline.

If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding Interession, please e-mail Mr. Hecht at ghecht@sahs.org.



THIRD SEMESTER. Saints amazing Interession is going full tilt all month offering a plethora of indoor and outdoor subjects including classes in scuba diving to computer gaming. File photos.

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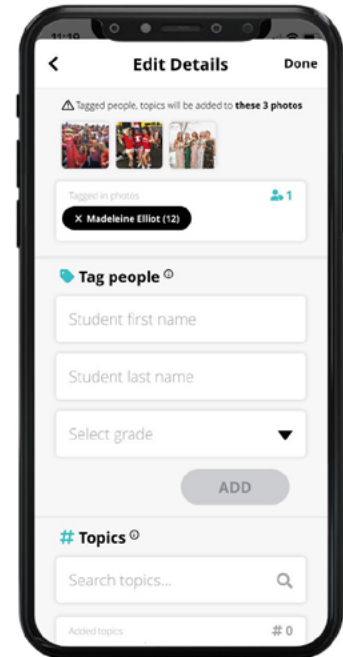
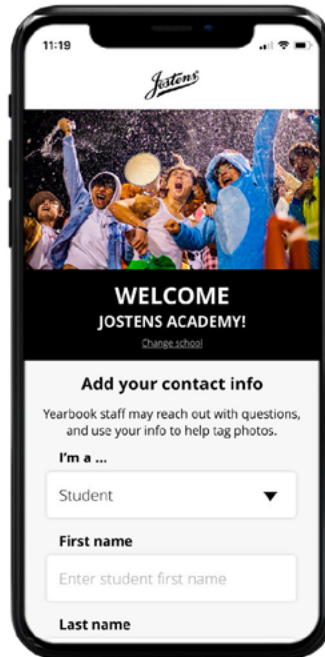
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