

St. Augustine High School

Office of the President

Dear Alumni and Friends,

As we come to the close of the 2009-2010 academic year, we can look back on many successful moments and look forward with some anxiety.

With regard to academics and extra-curricular activities, we had a great year. Our football team, basketball team and track team all won district championships. Our speech and debate team and FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) will both be sending students to national competitions. Standardized test scores continue to rise and our drama club put on a production of "The Piano Lesson" which was worthy of an Emmy.

But there was another event, "The State of the School", that was an eye-opener and somewhat of a shock to those who attended in person and electronically. The "State of the School" presentation by our principal, Fr. John Raphael, SSJ, and Mr. William Bostick, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors, focused on academic improvement and financial challenges. Lingering debts from the construction of the Business and Technology Center and red ink on the audits for the past two years and for the foreseeable future have caused great concern for our alumni. An increase in annual giving will help us to close the gap between tuition and the actual cost to educate our students.

I see the "State of the School" as a turning point in the life and history of St. Augustine High School. But then, I'm looking through **purple colored glasses.**

Cordially in Him,

Rev. Joseph M. Doyle, S.S.J., President

