

The Purple Press

The Fortnightly Publication for and by the students of St. Augustine High School



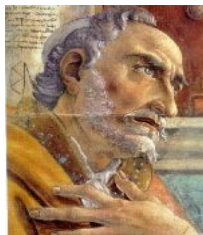
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St. Augustine High School Mission Statement

Under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, St. Augustine High School is the training ground for leadership through academic excellence, moral values, Christian responsibility, and reasonable, consistent discipline.

“Grace is Life”



St. Augustine

Events

The Purple Knights Basketball season has been, so far, so good with an outstanding record of 19 wins, and 3 losses. The Purple Knights are first in the 5A division, with a 10th spot in overall standings in Louisiana. Our hopes and anticipations in the future playoffs are looking better than ever. Eight starters return this season to give the Purple Knights another upper hand in this regular season.

This is the remaining schedule for the regular season:

January 29th: @Jesuit

February 2nd: Archbishop Rummel

February 5th: Brother Martin

February 12th: Archbishop Shaw

February 15th: Jesuit

International News

Two weeks ago, Haiti suffered a catastrophic 7.0 magnitude earth quake damaged mostly of what is left. 150,000 are dead and 3 million were effected by this deadly earth quake. Many countries have already sent out their Search & Rescue crews and finding other teams to help the victims in dire need of food and shelter after this drastic event. St. Augustine students have supported the relief efforts with generous donations. The French Club's trip to Haiti has now been canceled.

Since then, the islanders have now had to endure more aftershocks and life continues to be torn apart for many – semblances of when Katrina visited our city. Who can forget? Let's not forget these souls in our prayers, and as the Phoenix rose from the ashes of our flooded lands, may the same change in fate and fortune befall the Haitian people.

Brain Strains

Pet store dilemma.

I am the owner of a pet store. If I put in one canary per cage, I have one bird too many. If I put in two canaries per cage, I have one cage too many. How many cages and canaries do I have?

Ice when melted

A glass of water with a single ice cube sits on a table. When the ice has completely melted, will the level of the water have increased, decreased or remain unchanged?

Previous Brain Strain and Answer

I DO LOVE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

You will know that I am coming

From the jingle of my bell,

But exactly who I am is not an easy thing to tell.

Children, they adore me

for they find me jolly,

But I do not see them when the halls are decked with holly. My job often leaves me frozen,

I am a man that all should know,
But I do not do business in times of sleet or ice or snow.
I travel much on business,
But no reindeer haul me around, I do all my traveling firmly on the ground.
I love the time of Christmas,
But that's not my vocational season,
And I assure that is because of a sound economic reason.

Hint: The answer isn't Santa Clause

ANSWER: *THE ICE CREAM MAN*

Literary Column

Recently, at the behest of the Men's Club, The English Department is promoting an in-class essay writing competition. Initially, this assignment will be an in-class, gradable essay. Then, at the teacher's discretion, the best essay(s) from each class will go forward to produce the best essay from that grade level. It is yet undecided if the winners from each grade level will be put forward to find an overall school winner, but we will keep you posted. Remember to draft all your work and either take your draft to the writing clinic, or have a friend, family member, just some other pair of eyes and ears, read your essay to you. The art of proof reading is very underutilized by our students and is a tremendous tool to help everyone improve their writing skills. See your English teacher for more details ... and good luck!

Writing Clinic

As many classes are now head-neck 'n' ears into the semester, the demands n the writing clinic and Mr. Breaux are increasing. To compliment this, four senior students have been selected as Writing Tutors. These are Brent Washington, Andrew Alexis, Jarrod Perault and Aislin Washington. These students are there to assist Middle School boys with the construction and proof reading of essays. These men are there 'help', not to 'do'. In the event of an early schedule (2:05) finish or other reason, at least one of the Tutors will be available in the library instead of Room 208. Always check the library. We may recruit some Junior students in the near future, so please see Mr. Frick for a recommendation.

Journalism Class 2010 – 2011

At this point, Sophomores and Juniors should be considering their courses for the next school year. The Journalism Class has taken on a new dynamic in recent months. This class coordinates *The Purple Press*, S.A.T.V. and soon, *The Knight Newspaper*. If you feel you have what it takes, an out-going personality, great writing skills and a hunger for taking on new projects, this class may be just what you need. If you are considering Journalism for the new school year, please see Mr. Mc Clelland as soon as possible – before you begin selections. Senior English Essays are due Thur / Fri.

The Piano Lesson

Rehearsals have begun for the school's production of August Wilson's *The Piano Lesson*. Most roles have been filled, but we still need behind-the-scenes workers: Props; Costumes; Lighting; Sound; Security; Supervision; Publicity; If you are interested and are prepared to work on this after-school project, see Mr. Mc Clelland in A1. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:00pm in A1.

Special Service Hours Opportunity

Service Hours Opportunity this Saturday, Jan 30 at LA Children's Museum. They are in need 10- 12 volunteers from 10:30 to 3 p.m. They should report to Jake Yunker, Development Director. Volunteers will be assisting with the Super Bowl Pep Rally for Children.

Students must be 15 years old and sign up with Ms. Leblanc in the counselor's office so we can notify them if we have 12 students to volunteer.

Acosta ACT Prep

Students who have signed up and paid for the Acosta ACT Prep are not attending regularly. This is a waste of money and opportunity to improve test scores. Some students arrive and leave early, often citing their parents as excuses for their early departure. Parents and students must take this seriously.

This relatively small investment of \$400.00 could mean tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships. Those who have paid and do not ensure that their sons attend are in an untenable situation.

Please visit <http://www.improveyouractscore.com> for more information and if you have already registered, please show up on Saturday morning.

Monday After Super Bowl

To facilitate this change, Friday February 5 will be an 8 class day. This will enable us to resume on Tuesday without altering the established A-day/E-day cycle.

After much deliberation and consultation, I have decided to join the trend of schools closing on the Monday, February 8.

The scheduled Academic Support Conferences will be moved from Monday February 8 to Thursday February 11.

Pro Life Pilgrimage To Washington D.C. - A Reflection

Last week, a group of students traveled to Washington, D.C. for the annual March For Life, an event where thousands of people gather to bring a message to Congress. This message, of course, is for the 'right to life'. Every year, nearly fifteen million unborn babies are murdered due to the legal act of abortion. We hope our efforts to send a message to Congress, will not be in vain. While in Washington, we traveled around our nation's capital and visited some of the monuments, met other youths who are pro-life advocates. We also traveled to Baltimore, Maryland where the Josephite Manor is located. Here, there are people who are practicing to become ordained as Josephite brothers or priests. We also had the pleasure of meeting retired Josephite brothers and priests. One of the retired priests included the first principal of St. Augustine High School, Father Matthew O' Rourke. We were able to meet Fr. O' Rourke and he explained to us how life is precious and should be preserved. The pilgrimage to Washington was an experience that will never be forgotten.

-Bryan Cooper

Editorial

As the year 2009 came to an end, so did the look of *The Purple Press* in its original form. The journalism class will be starting a fairly new trend to this publication. From February, *The Purple Press* will be online. For the next issue of the school's newsletter, you may find it located on our school website. Of course the journalism staff always welcomes news articles from students. In order to submit an article, you may e-mail any three of the writers of the journalism staff: Bryan Cooper, gamedial@yahoo.com; Alton Savage, a.leonsavageiii@gmail.com; or Jordan Williams, supermanjordan550@yahoo.com. - or you may contact the staff in person during school while switching classes or each second lunch period. (Room 205 during G Block)

As you may already know, the journalism staff also coordinates the school's morning television show, S.A.T.V. For this TV broadcast, we are always open to students who may want to take part by being interviewed, saying prayer, or possibly being a guest anchor. This is not only open to students, but also to teachers. We look forward to hearing from you.

-Bryan Cooper

"The greatest danger for most of us is not that our target is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it". - Michelangelo