

OCTOBER 2022

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Hello Saints Alumni!

Moments of the Month

September was filled with school spirit and long standing traditions! Click the video below to see what is happening at your Alma Mater!



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Alumni Highlights

CAREERS



Kate Merwald, '03

Meet this year's David J. Dixon Appellate Advocacy award winner, Kate Merwald. The David J. Dixon Appellate Advocacy Award was created by The Missouri Bar Foundation to recognize outstanding achievement in appellate practice by young members of The Missouri Bar. Read more about Kate's accomplishment [HERE!](#)



Jackson Longhofer, '15

After graduating from Park University, Jackson has been the manager and starting import pitcher for the Baldham Boars in Germany. He manages the German Bundesliga 2. He led his team to a division championship in 2021 and they are currently tied for 1st in 2022.

HIGHLIGHTS



Kyle Hill, '03, Nicole Davila Hill '08, Ashley Rieke, Jake Rieke '00

The 2022 Catholic Education Foundation Gaudeamus benefit gala chairs are Jake and Ashley Rieke and Kyle and Nicole Hill. Together, the Riekes and the Hills will help CEF recognize its founding leaders and celebrate 25 years of Catholic Education Foundation's impact at this year's Gaudeamus gala on Sat., Oct. 29, 2022. Find more information [HERE!](#)

Ava Martin rakes the BIG EAST Freshman of the Week after leading the Bluejays to a pair of 3-0 victories last weekend.

Martin led the BIG EAST with 4.20 kills per set and was tops among outside hitters with her .441 hitting percentage.

Martin made a splash in her BIG EAST debut, finishing with 10 kills and two digs on .533 hitting vs. Georgetown. Each of her first six swings resulted in a kill.



Ava Martin, '22



Clint Steiner, '97

Clint Steiner receives the American Marketing Association Distinguished Executive award during a presentation Sept. 9th. Recipients of the award are expected to have made outstanding contributions to the discipline of marketing, as well as to their local community.

Have some news? Click here to share!

SHARE



Reunions

FRIDAY NIGHT

SAINTS FOOTBALL GAME

Family Tailgate & School Tour

5:30 PM Drinks/Desserts

6:15 PM School Tour

7:00 PM Game vs. BVSU

**Class of
2002
EVENTS**

SATURDAY NIGHT

20th Reunion

October 22, 2022

7:00 PM

Parlor, KC

1707 Locust St, KCMO

Adam Dolski:

aquinas2002@gmail.com

RSVP for Friday and Saturday
[HERE!](#)

Class of 1971

50th Reunion

October 8th, 2022

6:00 - 10:00 PM

Barleys Kitchen and
Tap House

Joan Carter: jmc517007@gmail.com

Saints Soccer Alumni Weekend!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

ALUMNI GAME

FOOD AND DRINKS FOLLOWING

(WE WILL BE PROJECTING THE HS FOOTBALL GAME AT THIS TIME)

REGISTER NOW >

PAY

Click [here](#) to plan your next reunion.

Samantha Paradise

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Reunions

Reunion Contacts

1973 - Patricia Rieke Regan
Pattyregan@aol.com

1993 - Kate Kratofil Koehnecke
Kkoehnecke@gmail.com

1997 - Shane Borth
shaneborth@gmail.com

1998 - Brooke Johnson Derby
brookederby@icloud.com

2012 - Brogan Moroney
bmoroney@minneties.com

2013 - Baile Winslow Stephenson
Bailewinslow@gmail.com

Reunion Celebrations

Volleyball Alumni



We would like to thank our Volleyball Alumni for coming out to our Reunion Event! We are excited to see you next year! (Quite a few Alumni missing from this picture - NEXT year - FIRST thing we do)!

Check out this video of our school history! 1928 - Present



Program Reunions



Click the button if you would like to attend reunion events for your HS sports & activities

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Events

ALUMNI SPEAKER SERIES WELCOMES ALUMNI SPEAKER



EBONY HALIBURTON, '02

10 AM | October 7th, 2022 | STA PERIOD

**You can watch by joining the
live stream on our
STAHalo Channel**

**PRESENTED BY:
THEATER DEPARTMENT**



**HALLOWEEN
HOEDOWN THROWDOWN**

OCTOBER 29TH, 2022 - 5:30PM - 8:00PM

DETAILS:

Cost:

Single \$8.00

Family \$25.00

Food, Music, Square
Dancing, S'mores, Pig
races, Plinko, Cornhole
and a Costume Contest!

RSVP: kspillman@stasaints.net

A night of fun for the family!

Oct. 29th, 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

RSVP: Kspillman@stasaints.net

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS



MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

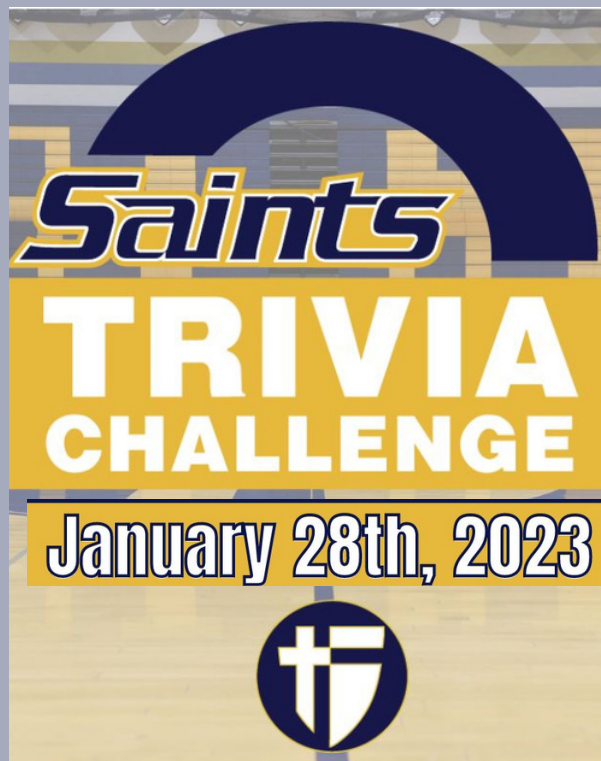
*3rd-5th Grade 6:00 - 7:30PM

*6th-8th Grade 7:30 - 9:00PM

October 10th & 12th

October 17th & 19th

REGISTER HERE



January 28th, 2023



JOIN THE FUN HERE

**Sign a table up by Nov. 1st
and receive a FREE MULLIGAN**

Alumni Corner

Let's Talk 

Alumni in the House!



Maggie Nachbar Bell, '04, sang the National Anthem for the Friday night Homecoming football game!



Patty Falco Novacek '95 and Jennifer Schumm Kilroy '95 congratulate Homecoming King Mr. Orrick!

Legacies in the House!

This past month we had a few Alumni kids drop in for our Saint for a Day!



20 of the 100 students who attended our Homecoming Student for a day are Alumni Legacy's! They had a quick moment to snap a picture with President Schenck who many of you had as a teacher and/or coach!



(l-r) Jameson Teddy, (Chris Teddy & Jessica Cisner '99), Drew Mortimer (Elizabeth Pyle Mortimer '02), Lilly Tholkes (Katie Olsen '93), Ana Halley (Jason Halley '93)!

Get Involved

Click the links to get involved!

Alumni Speaker Series & Alumni Mentor Program



TOPICS

- Job Recruiter
- Corporate Marketer
- Broadway Star, Film Producer
- Cinematographer
- Logistics Professional
- Medical Professionals
- Entrepreneurs/Business
- Real Estate
- Insurance

WHAT ALUMNI ARE SAYING

"Aquinas prepared me for both college and for my professional life by providing opportunities and challenges that shaped me as a young person and developed critical thinking, relationship building, and public speaking skills that I use and exercise to this day. As an alumni, I feel it's critical to give back to the next generation of Saints."

-Nick DiCarlo, '95

The Alumni Speaker Series offers our Alumni the opportunity to share their knowledge with our current students to better prepare them for their future! We welcome any Alumni to come back and continue to leave their legacy!



WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

"When I first heard of this I got so excited, and after I got done I was literally jumping from joy. Thanks for this opportunity, it was a really great experience and it helped me learn so much."

~ Freshman Student

EVENT DETAILS

The majority of our Alumni Speakers will present during our STA period in the Theater. All students, staff, parents and other Alumni are invited to attend.



Alumni Business Directory

Courtney Kelly Seacat M.D., '03

Obstetrician/Gynecologist

INTEGRIS Women's Health Edmond

Phone: 405-657-3955



We support our Alumni businesses & we want to support you! Please share your business with us by [clicking here!](#)

School News

Call for Vendors



Dec. 2nd & 3rd [More Info HERE](#)

Stadium Turf Upgrade Initiative

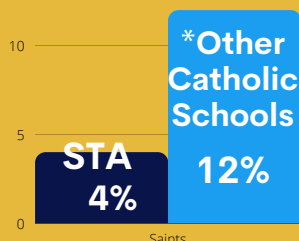


Our turf has been home to touchdowns, goals, graduations, and more. When it was laid we were guaranteed 10 years and got that and then some. Over the next few months, we hope to secure pledges and raise funds needed so that we can break ground later this Fall.

A message from Alumni Director Samantha Paradise, '03



Hello, fellow Saints. We are in the process of creating an Alumni Competition based solely on class participation! The graph below shows where we currently stand in relation to alumni giving across the nation. As you can see, Saint Thomas Aquinas Alumni giving is well below the average for Catholic high schools. We are anything but average, "We are, THE SAINTS"! We CAN do better, WE WILL do better! I ask that you prayerfully consider giving to our Alumni Scholarship Fund! Follow the link below to enroll in your monthly giving!



We will be raffling off a gift card each month to an individual in the class with the greatest number of participants. We welcome any amount but this is about HOW MANY of YOU will participate in making a difference!

Participate Here