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STA Tennis faces off against Ascension Christian, honors Cindy Landry at divisional matchup

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The St. Amant Tennis team had a match against Ascension Christian on Monday, February 26. These past matches ended with three gator victories. Singles only saw one victory with Blake Alexander's match that ended in two sets.

The doubles matches ended with one boys and one girls victory. The boys, Tristan Bailey and Brayden King won their match against Ascension Christian in a two-set bout. The girls, Abigale Robert and Nestmary Nunez also won their match with a two-set bout.

Head Coach Mia Smith led her team and adapted to the competition. She adds, "I brought younger players, freshmen, for the girls' side. Their team [Ascension Christian] is just starting out." Coach Smith shifted her players around for the competition and brought out some new players to give them experience.

The St. Amant Tennis team had another match this Wednesday, February 28 against rival team Dutchtown. These matches ended with six wins. The winners were: Grayce Reynolds in singles, Julie and Desiree Gauthier in doubles and Kayden Ory and Camryn Accardo in extra courts doubles. For boys: Myles Dennis won for boys singles, Brayden King and Tristan Bailey for boys doubles and Cameron Deloach in extra court singles.

The Gators also honored and recognized St. Amant Special Education Teacher Cindy Landry in her fight against breast cancer by wearing pink in their Wednesday matches. Mrs. Cindy was surprised and emotional to see everyone in support of her. "I don't teach a whole lot of kids because I'm a Special ED teacher," Landry said. " But for them to come out and wear pink on Wednesdays and wear these shirts, it's just humbling."

The Gators Tennis team is set to meet with Zachary on Monday, March 4 and U-High Wednesday, March 6.

St.Amant wins big at Nicholls Literary and Drama Rallies

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The first notable achiever was junior Madelyn Long, who bagged 3rd place in the Journalism category. While Long is proud of her experience, it did come as a surprise to her." This is my second semester doing Journalism overall, so I felt like I was maybe less experienced than some of the people taking the test as seniors. But I'm really excited and proud of myself." expressed Long.If she could redo the experience, she would use her previous knowledge of the test to improve her score. "Knowing what was on the test, obviously I would go back and I would go over some of the stuff that I missed." Long admitted. She also disclosed that, if given the chance, she would absolutely participate in the experience all over again. "I talked to alot of new people from different schools and people at St. Amant High School that I wouldn't normally have a conversation with." Long is proud of the opportunity given to her to represent St.Amant High School.

In the same vein, senior Emily Mumphrey won first place for her high score in the Fine Arts sector. Like Long, Mumphrey did not expect such a high of an honor. " I honestly expected to pass, but I never really expected to make it to the top." Mumphrey disclosed. She also shared some of the intellectual hurdles she faced during the test "I only knew a third of the contents on the test, everything else was just new to me. I just had to go with my gut." Mumphrey stated. If Mumphrey had the decision to redo the test, she would have tried to allocate the knowledge remaining two-thirds of the test she didn't carry with her the first time. " I only know about visual arts, and the others were music and drama. I honestly think a little more knowledge would have suited me better." Mumphrey will go on to the state Literary Rally at LSU on March 23.

Career Coaches provide guidance for next steps

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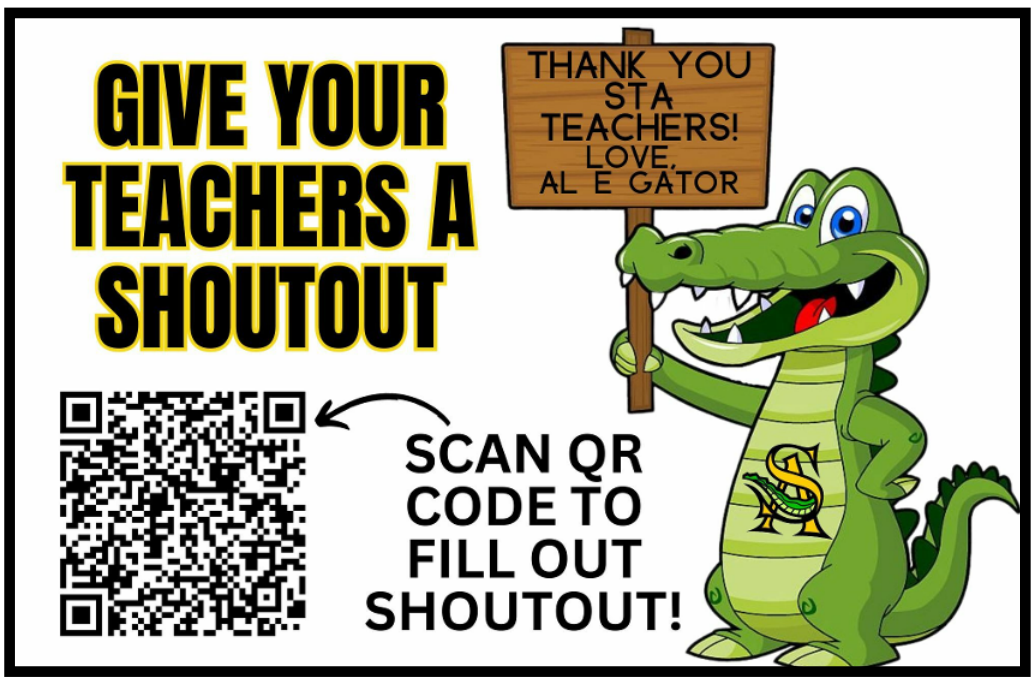
As students progress through high school and look into their futures, many seek guidance when wondering about their futures. Career Coaches are there to help students figure out what they want to do when they get out of high school, progressing onto college, or helping to figure out life outside of school. Additionally, they give students career assessments to help students find careers that they may be best suited for. Career coaches help students get certifications, Mrs. Bucci committed “Say you have a certification in drafting. You know if that company requires a draft or you can say, well, I'm certified, they might hire you over somebody who doesn't.” Individual graduation plans, scholarships, college applications, and information on local and national scholarships are other ways that career coaches help students. At St. Amant High School there are three Career Coaches, Carla Hollifield, Kim Aucoin, and Christi Bucci, they are located in room 607 in the Math Building. Ms. Christy Bucci said, “We help you with anything for life after high school and how to get there. That's our main goal”.



STA NJROTC Program competes at State

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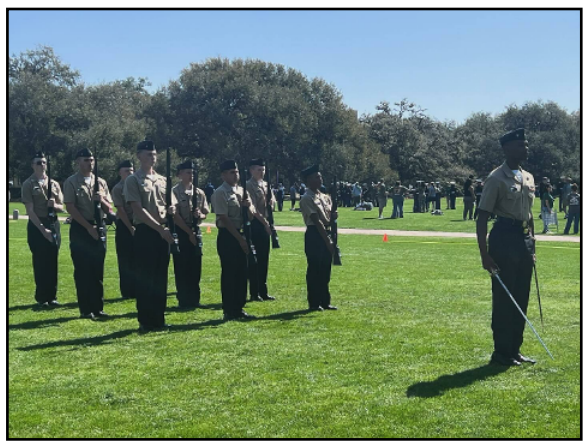
NJORTC is a class and program since the early 2000s that can be taken by St.Amant High and East Ascension Students to learn the basics of Military training. NJORTC has an upcoming competition this March at Pineville and Walker following previous drill season successes.

The drill team competed at State in January and LSU in February with four teams recognized earning the top three. At the previous LSU meet 34 candidates competed earning 2nd place for Armed Regulation, 3rd for Color Guard, 3rd place for Individual Armed Exhibition, and 2nd place for Physical Fitness. NJORTC welcomes Cadets from grades 9th-12th grade with electives that can count as a Physical Education class. Nile Yocke expresses his Cadet Officer position as a mentor for the rest of the cadets, after earning many symbols to wear about his participation and learning from his years in NJROTC. CDR Mical Kiletico states that NJORTC is a very physical and precise sport for both boys and girls that offers year-round practices after school and allows scholarships to places like The Naval Academy.



Getting into the swing of things

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St. Amant High School's baseball team has kicked off the season with an impressive 5-5 record, making significant waves in the Prep Baseball Report Louisiana Power Rankings. Climbing five spots to claim the #2 position, the Gators have showcased their capabilities on the diamond.

In their season opener against Ascension Catholic on 2/19/24, St. Amant secured a convincing 6-1 victory, breaking a two-year losing streak. Jace Reddicks emerged as the Pit Stop Player of the Game, delivering a stellar pitching performance that shut down the bulldogs. .

The momentum continued with a commanding 11-1 win over St. Thomas Aquinas on 2/22/24. Wyatt Ford and Ryder Molea shared the spotlight as Pit Stop Players of the Game, with Molea going 4-4 at the plate, including 2 doubles and 2 singles.

Facing Weston on 2/23/24, the Gators dominated with a 17-1 win, earning the entire team recognition as the Pit Stop Player of the Game.

In a standout match against Alabama's Hewitt-Trussville on 2/24/24, St. Amant came on top with a 6-4 score. Pit Stop Players of the Game were Wyatt Ford, Layne Swanson, and Trent LaPorte, with Trent going 3-4 at the plate and Layne and Wyatt excelling in pitching.

The winning streak continued with a resounding 13-0 triumph against St. Michael the Archangel, with Chase Kelley and Jace Moody named Pit Stop Players of the Game.

Pitching Highlights: 5 Games 30 Innings

Layne Swanson, committed to BRCC, made a significant impact in 8 innings, showcasing impressive stats with 14 strikeouts and only giving up 5 hits and 3 runs.

Nicholls commit Wyatt Ford demonstrated his pitching abilities in 6.2 innings, facing 26 batters, and maintaining an impeccable record of 11 strikeouts and no runs.

Uncommitted senior Chase Kelley, a key player in the team, displayed his skills by pitching 5 innings, yielding no runs and striking out 6 batters.

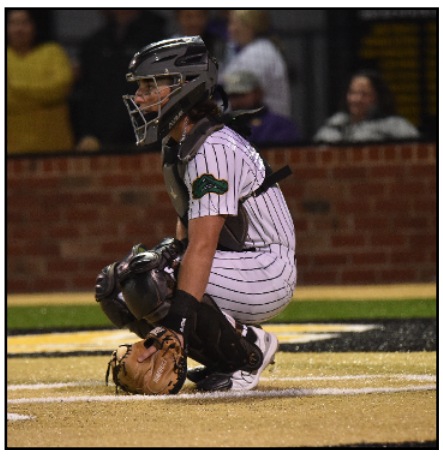
As the St. Amant High School baseball team continues to make strides, the players' individual performances signal a promising season ahead.

St. Amant High School's baseball program is not only thriving at the varsity level but also making significant strides in the Junior Varsity (JV) and Freshman teams, showcasing the depth and talent within the Gators' baseball program.

Against East Ascension on 2/20/24, both the Freshman and JV teams secured convincing victories. The Freshman squad dominated with a 9-1 win, while the JV team shut out their opponents with a commanding 9-0 score.

The momentum continued the next day against Lutcher on 2/21/24, where the Freshman team delivered an impressive 12-0 win, showcasing their offensive abilities. The JV team faced a tougher challenge but emerged with a 6-4 win over the bulldogs.

In a closely contested match on 2/24/24, the Freshman team faced off against Catholic and secured a narrow 6-5 victory, demonstrating their resilience and competitive spirit. Meanwhile, the JV team battled against Walker, unfortunately falling short with a 7-8 loss.

The teams rebounded against Plaquemine, with the Freshman team securing a 3-1 win and the JV team dominating with a 9-2 victory. These successes against diverse opponents highlight the well-rounded skills and adaptability of both the Freshman and JV squads.

As these young talents continue to develop and contribute to St. Amant High School's baseball legacy, the future looks promising for the Gators' baseball program. The dedication and determination displayed by the Freshman and JV teams serve as a testament to the overall strength and depth of the St. Amant baseball community.