



# The Gata Data

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## The Gators dominate Mustangs in annual Jamboree

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This past Friday the Gators led the game through their amazing defense and collaboration skills which contributed towards their 28-0 victory against Assumption High. Quarterback Cooper Babin said "We had a lot of fun tonight, played all as one to get the win. We played smart and just had a lot of fun overall."

Head Coach David Oliver says that



Senior Tyree Williams scoring his second touchdown of the night.

he believes the team is forming a level of unity as the season progresses. Oliver said, "This was the first time we had a live kick off and I was pleased with that aspect of the game." The game kicked off with the Gator's defense forcing a fumble, which allowed the Gators to gain possession of the ball. Shortly after three plays, senior running back, Tyree Williams, was able to run in a one yard touchdown putting the

Gators in the lead.

Halfway through the first quarter, Cooper Babin threw the ball to wide receiver Timothy Johnson, in result Johnson successfully gained a 33 yard touchdown within 12 seconds of gametime. Mustangs kicked off the next play, but the Gators caused the Mustangs to fumble the ball, changing the possession of the ball again. Tyree Williams further showed control by achieving a 19 yard touchdown, this being his second touchdown of the night. At the end of the game, Williams expresses how everyone contributed to him scoring the touchdowns. Tyree Williams said, "I felt really good. I had my team there to help support me."

Over the next couple of plays, Gators managed to keep the Mustangs from scoring. The Gators were also able to keep progressing across the field towards the endzone until the quarter ended leaving the score 21-0.

Second quarter started with Connor Darr running 31 yards towards the end zone. Darr followed by running an additional 17 yards, making him a notable player for running the most yards. Darr talked about how accomplishments like these, "will motivate me to keep working day in and day out of practice. I really want to make my senior year something to remember." Cooper Babin was then able to score a six yard touchdown by running the left side, putting

the Gators at their final score of 28-0. The game continued as players kept running the ball to drain the clock, successfully ending the game.



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Overall, Coach Oliver feels that the players fought well against the Mustangs. "I thought it was a good night. The rain held off so we were able to see what we needed to see. Now we are ready for Byrd and a 10 game regular season slate." Oliver believes that this game was a great opportunity to show their strong defense skills and returns that they have worked on previously during practices.

Williams commented that he felt the team did an excellent job and came out to truly perform. He has confidence that they had an outstanding week of practice and were able to show Assumption High that the Gators have a strong team. Williams emphasized to come to the next game, "and you'll see the same thing." Tonight the Gators will be playing against C.E. Byrd at 7:00. Come dressed in your Beach Attire!

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## FIRST FAN FRIDAY

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St. Amant had it's first Fan Friday on August 30. Students and staff danced to "Flex" by Cupid. Afterwards, the STA Percussion band members performed to rally up the school for Friday's Football Game.



STAFF PHOTOS

## STA introduces a new pit crew

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St. Amant's Pit Crew is prepping for a big year. Members of the Pit Crew have already got to experience a practice run with leading the student section at the scrimmage and jamboree game that have taken place in the past three weeks.

Pit Crew is a spirit representative to support our school's team through victory or loss. Pit Crew representative, Joleigh Hartman, said, "The biggest motto in Pit crew is to do something that hasn't been done before."

Hartman hopes that the new members bring something new to the table this year and inspire a change in the way things are done. An example she used of changing the way things are done happened recently during the jamboree game on Friday. The Pit Crew chose to perform the National Anthem instead of playing it the regular way. Hartman said, "This will be something that people will talk about years from now." This is also Hartman's first year of being credited for representing the Pit

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# Bryan Hutson is STA's new head athletic trainer

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St. Amant's sports medicine team now has a new head athletic trainer, Bryan Hutson. He currently teaches sports medicine 1 and a section of sports medicine 3. Sports med keeps our athletes safe and teaches students how to make a difference in the world by taking action and helping people.

"I've always had a desire to help people," said Hutson. Sports med's strong relationship with the athletic department gives St. Amant's medical professionals and students the opportunity to help individuals with injuries, illness and more in real time.

"When I was a junior in highschool, I was injured and hurt my back. My school at the time didn't have a sports medicine program or an athletic trainer for me to go talk to, so I was on my own," said Hutson. As someone who played sports in highschool, Hutson knows what it is like to suffer from a serious injury. Hutson added, "Once I got into college, and I looked back on that, I felt it would be really good if I would have had somebody to go to at school, that I could talk to about this, that could have sped up the process or helped me out along the way." This program provides injured students with support that will be there for them till the moment they can get back on the field. "It is a challenge each and every day, but it is very rewarding whenever you can see the athletes that you work with have an opportunity to succeed when they didn't think they were gonna be able to a few days before," said Hutson.

"Not everybody that takes the class is going to go into sports medicine, but it gives them a good base knowledge into a wide array of sports medicine fields, and maybe opens up doors for them," said Hutson. Some of the many professions that fall under sports medicine are athletic trainers, physicians, nurses, and physical therapists. In some instances psychology is involved in sports med.

Hutson concludes, "If you're looking to get into a field that is going to test you on a variety of ways from time management, to stress control ,to putting your brain to work, and in the rare instance, not to scare anyone off but, very rarely a life or death situation. Sports medicine is a great route, a great avenue to get into."



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# STA plans to take on Paris

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On June 2, 2025, French Teacher Maggie Pellerin is bringing a select group of students from St. Amant High School to Paris, France. For the week in Paris, Mrs. Pellerin has many activities planned such as visits to the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, underground crypts, neighborhood food tasting and a day trip to Versailles.

"There's so much to do in Paris. There are way more things to do in Paris than listed on the flier," said Mrs. Pellerin. "There is a food tour through all the different neighborhoods, so we get to have street crepes and other cultural foods," said Mrs. Pellerin.

There are no requirements to enroll. The trip costs around \$4,000 as long as you pay before September 19. The price includes plane tickets, tour guides, hotels, breakfast and dinner.

If you need any additional information or want to sign up, you can sign up by emailing Mrs. Pellerin at [margaret.pellerin@apsb.org](mailto:margaret.pellerin@apsb.org).

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# St. Amant adapts to changes after recent phone ban

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It has been a few weeks since Louisiana introduced a new cell phone policy prohibiting phone use during school hours. With this change, the school has implemented alternatives to help students occupy themselves during this adjustment period. One of these is the wide variety of games and puzzles in the library for students to play during lunch shifts.

"We purchased lots of games, chess, checkers, tic tac toe, connect 4, rubix cubes, the little building blocks ... just lots of different things, we have a puzzle that Ms. Carter donated, that people work on all the time, so we started with that and it has been a huge success so far," said librarian Lisa Braud



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# Suicide Prevention Month at STA

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September is National Suicide Prevention Month, and as more teenagers seem to show signs of depression and anxiety, it's important to know how to deal with these symptoms and who to talk to.

Symptoms of depression or anxiety can be pronounced such as being easily agitated, weepy, or mopey, but some can present more subtly. Some things to look out for include a loss of interest in activities, changes in physical hygiene such as unkempt hair or teeth, or missing school. Masking, or hiding depressive symptoms is common, and even more common among men. Nearly one in 10 men experience depression or anxiety, but less than half will receive treatment, and more than four times as many men as women die by suicide every year. "Even though society has hopefully progressed beyond the stereotype of 'boys don't cry' they (men) do tend to kinda suck it up, and some might withdrawal or may not know how to handle their feelings," Said Geraldine Couvillion, a counselor at St Amant High School,

"Everybody once in their life, whether they recognize it or



not,

goes through a bit of a depressive episode... it doesn't mean you're weak it doesn't mean you suck at life because you couldn't push through whatever it is that took you down."

Over the last decade, social media has become a part of almost every high school student's life. But what about its negative impacts? "People tend to just put the good stuff there... Nobody has a filter and will write anything." Said Couvillion, "Manage expectations about what's out there, you don't have to obtain what looks to be the perfect high school experience or perfect family vacation or relationship"

Academic stress can also become a problem if allowed to. To combat this, Ms. Couvillion suggests "Push yourself, but know your limits." Couvillion advises to look for a cause regarding your academics, such as parental pressure or unrealistic expectations for yourself.

For more information on mental health and proper self-care, contact your respective counselor. If you or someone you know is experiencing suicidal thoughts

please contact the suicide and crisis hotline by dialing 988.

## GSA seeks to foster communities and education for the new year

BY: MICHAEL MUMPHREY  
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Every Tuesday morning, the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) meets in room 120 in the Freshman Academy to discuss subjects of sexuality and gender identity. The club attempts to create an outlet for students to freely express themselves in a world where judgment and ridicule are rampant.

The club is run by Teacher Brienne Baggett and co run by seniors Gabriel "Fresno" Swindle and Addison Nunez-Francis. "I was first introduced to it by Mrs. Baggett in class. She was giving out little flyers to see if we wanted to join, so I went to my first meeting and just felt very welcomed and decided this is a place I like to stay," said Nunez-Francis when asked about their first experience in GSA. Similarly, Swindle said that he, "was a queer person who wanted to find community," which was the primary reason he joined GSA.

The club has many goals for the new school year. While most of them plan on getting more involved with the community, the club also wishes that more members would join. "It really is a matter of who is looking forward to attending. I hope we can put more of ourselves out there like through student led flyers and little shows and stuff."

Nunez-Francis stated, "Like (in the) newspaper or on GNN, just getting the word out more to get people who haven't heard of it or are too afraid to join to actually come and visit." Along with this, the club wishes to visit and/or donate to other organizations that deal with LGBTQIA+ interests in the parish.

Another outlet that the club offers is the GSA Book Club, helmed mainly by Swindle. "It has no affiliation with the (library) book club." Swindle stated, "We come together and we read queer literature inexplicitly. It's just a place for us to see ourselves in literature where oftentimes in our curricula we are not allowed to see these things or we just don't have the time to focus on them."

While the more seasoned members prepare for a new year, newer members expressed their enthusiasm for the meetings. "I'm excited to talk about the LGBTQ+ people who impacted history and culture." stated Sophomore Marie "Nox" Green. Likewise, sophomore Aubrey Bourgeois commented, "I'm so impatient for the upcoming meetings and learning about LGBTQ+ history and meeting new people!"

One thing that club members emphasized was their desire to make the club a safe place for queer people who are afraid of judgment from their peers. "We will create an environment where only we know what you wish us to know, and it will only be discussed where you wish it to be discussed. We want everyone to be as comfortable as possible in GSA and we want you to be surrounded by like-minded queer people," Swindle

stated. "I believe the community we foster through our actions and through the interactions we have the other people a part of the club is kind of like a tight-knit family," Nunez-Francis adds, "We are always open to new people, but we'll protect each other. We'll care for one another no matter what and know that no matter what someone else is going through they deserve kindness." Nunez-Francis and Swindle work to create a positive space in which every member can feel comfortable.

Meetings for GSA are in Room 120 in the Freshman Academy every Tuesday morning starting at 7:10. Email swindle31469@students.apsb.org or francis54377@students.apsb.org with any questions.

# Meet the Fall 2024 Gata Data Staff!!



From Left to Right-

T:Chance Gomez, Hayden Loupe, Jailyn Martin, Raiden Gann, Michael Mumphrey, Jayden Pino, Broxton Crawford, Olivia Carroll.  
 B:Lailiah Granier, Libby Wilkinson, Victoria Rodriguez, Avery Lambert, Savannah Matlock, Chad Herbert, Saniya Smith.

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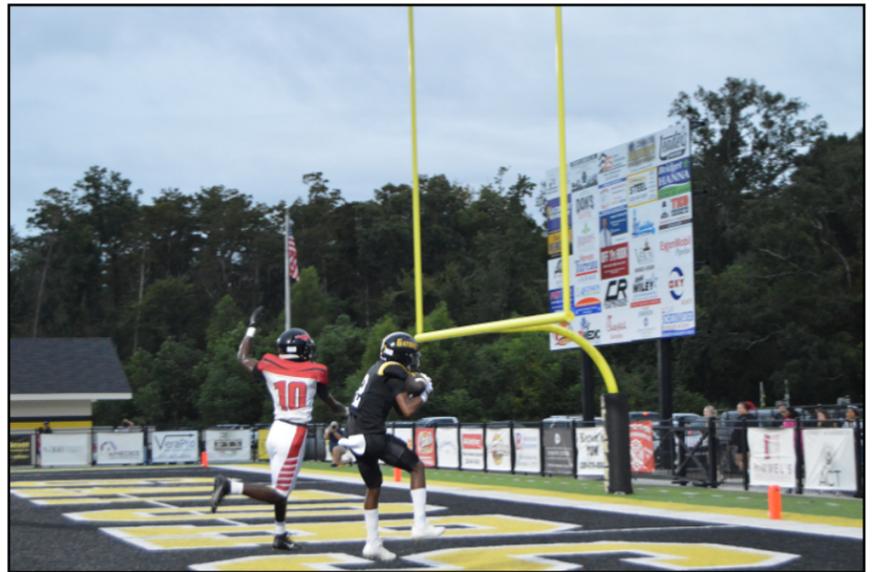
After speaking with senior Briley Brooks, one of the new members of Pit Crew, she shared her goals and thoughts about the upcoming year. "I always wanted to be in Pit Crew," says Brooks. Brooks is extremely excited that the Pit Crew is more inclusive this year and has a mixed group of boys and girls. She is most excited about this because she feels it will allow more personalities to be brought into the mix and may allow more exciting things to happen this year. Brooks also shared what drove her to join the Pit Crew for her senior year, a main factor including her love for going to football games as a sophomore and junior. She claims, "I feel like the Pit Crew is where I belong and to be able to lead my school and cheer my team on a deeper level than I did before is why I joined." Brooks also teases that the members are working to create new chants and more fun ideas for this year.

What makes Pit Crew so enjoyable? After asking senior Briley Brooks and the Pit Crew rep Joleigh Hartman, Brooks said, "Since I'm on the field and not in the student section, it is a whole new perspective and a ten times better feeling leading the section rather than being it". She describes the Pit Crew experience as an amazing feeling and enjoys starting the cheers and supporting from the sidelines rather than being in the student section. On the other hand, Hartman said, "I think just working with the leaders and being able to hear

their ideas and trying to make new ideas happen. This year's Pit Crew is so much more exciting and we allowed more of a selection of people to be involved to cover all twenty-eight sports." Hartman shares her excitement that the Pit Crew hopes to make sure all of the sports are seen and represented as much as football.

If anyone is wondering how to join Pit Crew, Hartman said, "If you are thinking about joining I would say wait until the end of the school year and we will send out flyers and announcements so you can hear about it." She also says that there are no specific requirements she looks for, but one requirement that will be added are teacher recommendations. Brooks said she would recommend Pit Crew to people who are more social and have a big personality. Brooks also shares, "It is all about cheering on our team for their wins and even if they don't win we are still there to support them." "The biggest motto in Pit Crew is Do Something That Hasn't Done Before." Hartman said one of the things that are most important as a member in the Pit Crew is someone who is inspired to change the way we do things or to make new traditions. When football player Timothy Johnson was asked about the pit crew he said, "They were great too you know. I liked when the intercom didn't work and they started singing instead, so they "got more aura" and get an A+ for this game." Email [@joleigh.hartman@apsb.org](mailto:joleigh.hartman@apsb.org) for any questions!

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Senior Wide Receiver Timothy Johnson completing his 33 yard touchdown for the Gators.



The Gator football team ending the game with the STA Alma Mater on Friday, August 30.