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PAINTING THE TOWN ORANGE

St. Amant High School celebrates its upcoming football game against East Ascension High School with the color orange. As STA's biggest rivalry, the Gator v. Spartan Varsity football game is highly anticipated. The Spartans wear camouflage because they are going on a "Gator hunt", but the Gators bite back with the color orange to represent the fact that they are not scared. Students wear orange for the entire week leading up to the game. Tonight will be the second EA v. STA game in Spartan territory, at 7 p.m.



STA defeats Walker and is ready to bEAt

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This past Friday, the Gators took home their first district win against Walker High at The Pit. Following the 33-26 win, Coach Oliver said, "You really only lose a game if you don't learn lessons from it. I think we learned how to finish from the last one and that showed tonight."

The Gator's kicker, Jace Fierro, kicked off to start the first quarter. Not even two minutes later, sophomore outside linebacker Jourden

yard touchdown for the Gators.

Going into the second half, the team decided, "we're gonna keep going and keep playing hard," said senior Wesley Dykes.

To kick off the second half, the Wildcats received the ball first, and scored a touchdown, making the score 14-10. Within the last two minutes of the third quarter, the Gators defense caused a fumble. Wesley Dykes, senior outside linebacker, recovered the ball and returned it for a third touchdown. With a successful field goal kick from Fierro, the score became 21-10. Unfortunately, the Wildcats suddenly responded by scoring a touchdown still leaving the Gators in the lead, 21-18, to end the third quarter.

The fourth quarter began with a small Gator lead, but it quickly widened. With a 12 yard gain, senior running back Tyree Williams scored a touchdown, but the field goal was blocked causing the score to be 27-18. The Gator defense was able to hold the Wildcats from scoring.

It only took four plays for the Gators to put more points on the board. Junior wide receiver Quinten Elisar caught a 30-yard pass from Babin for another Gator touchdown. The point after was no good resulting in a 33-18 lead against the Wildcats.

The game ended with a final Wildcats touchdown resulting in a 33-26 victory for the Gators. Through the course of this game, senior Tyree Williams said, "we just went out as a team more positive." Elisar added, "I think we need to just keep playing as a team and we won't have anything to worry about."

After asking some players about the EA



Hickerson ran 26 yards to give the Gators a 7-0 lead against the Wildcats. Following the touchdown, the Gators were able to hold back the Wildcats from scoring.

To start off the second quarter, the Wildcats scored a field goal closing the gap 7-3. The next two drives were scoreless for the Gators and Wildcats. Towards the end of the quarter, quarterback Cooper Babin was able to run in a six



game, Jourden Hickerson says, "people are doubting us," despite being undersized the team is relying on "using our technique and the coaches coming up with great plays," said senior Evan Williams.

Connor Darr added by saying, "It's gonna be loud, so communication with each other will be hard." However, the Gators defense has been working harder each week in preparation for this big game.

"If everyone does their job, we will get the dub," says Hickerson. The current STA and EA series is 22-22, the Gators are hoping to make it 23-22.

Tonight the Gators take on our biggest rival, East Ascension at Spartan Stadium. Kick off is at 7:00pm, make sure to show up and show out in your best orange attire.

A Shared Heritage

BY: Saniya Smith
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As Hispanic Heritage Month neared its conclusion, a collaboration arose between classes. Food Science and Spanish launched an executive agreement to educate young scholars about the importance of celebrating the contributions Hispanics embedded in American culture.

Mrs. Jones revealed that she and Mrs. Severio wanted to educate students about the many things Hispanics have done for our country. "Mrs. Severio and I wanted the kids to have a genuine understanding and admiration for the culture." Mrs. Jones explains that both

educators needed their students to understand the true meaning of Hispanic Heritage Month.



Students were able to cook food from different countries, these students were able to gain a deeper understanding of the dishes they were preparing. One student stated, "The country that we learned about was Costa Rica, and a little thing about Costa Rica is that Mrs. Jones stayed in Costa Rica over the summer. So we have already been introduced to the country." The meal they prepared was pollo con arroz a Costa Rican delicacy, then elaborated on their culture.

Students have studied countries such as Peru, Argentina, and many more. Another student says, "I learned that it celebrates the Hispanic and Latino people that have contributed to America."

Mrs Sevario stated, "My students all choose different meals to make. Each group chooses a different Hispanic country.

We searched the recipes that were the most popular in that country, chose one, budgeted, and



shopped."

They were teaching the Spanish class how to make those recipes by doing this, they're showing their support by using those cooking techniques, "it's a different food so it's not usually cooked in our country and sharing cultures brings people together. Students are cooking food from their country They get to showcase the techniques that they use at home, this is a bonding experience for everyone."



UPCOMING EVENTS

STA CHOIR PRESENTS
A Night at the
ST. AMANT CINEMA

Tuesday, October 22nd
STA Commons
7:00 PM

Join us for a night of music from some of your favorite movies!

FREE ADMISSION & FREE POPCORN
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

St. Amant FFA Presents
the 15th Annual

Saturday,
October 19, 2024

Sessions:
1:00 - 3:00 PM
3:30 - 5:30PM

Cost:
\$6 ticket per person

Location:
St. Amant High School Barn

Come Enjoy...
Petting Zoo,
Tons of Games,
Hay Ride,
Pumpkin Patch,
Face Painting,
Trick or Treat Station,
Sweets Table,
Scare Tent,
Costume Contest,
Pumpkin Decorating,
shop local vendors
and MUCH MORE!

A portion of each entry will be donated to support local families for Thanksgiving meals.

Grease is set to hit the stage

BY: LAILAH GRANIER

Last week, the cast list for Grease was released by Heidi Frederic, the theater teacher at St. Amant, and Sara Bray, the choir director at St. Amant, and both expressed their anticipations for starting the rehearsal process. Heidi Frederic, also known as Ms. Fred, says, "Over 50 people came and auditioned, which is very exciting, but also nerve-wracking. I think we've got a really talented cast and I am excited to get to work." Ms. Bray also shares that creating the list is one of the most difficult parts of the process, however, she says, "I am confident that we have the right cast and the best cast for what we have. I am so excited to showcase all of the crazy amount of talent that we have here at St. Amant."

Ms. Fred shares how everyone is normally exhausted after the show, however after putting on last year's Legally Blonde show, they missed seeing the students and having rehearsals. Ms. Bray adds to this by saying, "We closed Legally Blonde and we decided that there was still so much talent from the students, so we needed to do another show this year."

Caelyn Blackwell, a Senior at St. Amant High, landed the lead role of Sandy and shares her excitement in bringing her character to life. She says, "Sandy is a type of character that I have yet to take on, and I can't wait to embrace this challenge." Blackwell is most excited to perform Hopelessly Devoted to You as it reveals Sandy's inner emotion and her innocence.

Jacob Angel, another Senior at St. Amant High, also shares his desire to take on his lead role of being Danny. Angel wants to truly take on Danny's persona and give the "too cool for school" vibe. A challenge that Angel thinks he will

encounter is his ability to dance. He communicates, "My dancing is something I have always been embarrassed about because it takes me time to learn a routine and it takes a lot of skill to pull these dances off while also singing." Angel plans to have a positive attitude towards learning as he hopes to explore his role and put himself in the spotlight without caring about other people's opinions.

Ms. Fred highlights that she would love for the cast to create new friendships and meet new people during the process. She feels that making this show is not about one person, rather it is about an entire group that works for the great good of something. Ms. Fred says, "They are understanding these characters and walking in their shoes. That in turn gives you more empathy for the human race, which is one of the reasons why we do what we do." Ms. Fred hopes the cast learn more about themselves and the people surrounding them as it makes them better people in the end.

Caelyn Blackwell also speaks on how this show affects her more with this being her last year of high school. She says, "I am so blessed to have been given the chance to advance my abilities, as well as have fun in high school one last year." Blackwell continues by saying she can't wait to learn, as well as grow, both as a singer and actor throughout this process.

The show dates are February 13, 14, and 15 at 7 pm in the Commons. Tickets will be available towards the middle of January and both teachers encourage everyone to purchase as tickets are limited. Bray encourages students to come out to support the cast as "school spirit is students supporting students in what they love doing."

Cast List

Sandy - Caelyn Blackwell

Danny - Jacob Angel

Betty Rizzo - Layten Hastings

Kenickie - Steven Allen

Pink Ladies

Jan - Rylee Day

Marty - Cire' Porter

Frenchy - Aubrey Marcus

T-Birds

Doody - Jaxson Wiles

Roger - Payton Wiles

Sonny - Sophia Piazza

Miss Lynch - Maddyson Simpson

Patty Simcox - Kian Delhommer

Eugene - Michael Mumphrey

Vince Fontaine - Jack Jordan

Johnny Casino - Skylar Cox

Cha Cha DiGrigorio - Cayley Grimball

Teen Angel - Steven Allen

Girl Posse - Caylin Adams, Cayley Grimball, & Addison Nunez-Francis

Guy Posse - Skylar Cox, Jordan Hose, & Jack Jordan

Ensemble (Rydell High Students) - Isabella Aldridge, Riley Barrient, Alyssa Blades, Addison Brignac, Caroline Cambre, Reya Cormier, Ali Cunningham, Emily Disney, Lailah Granier, Gabrielle Johnson, Sabrina Kausal, Avery Lambert, Mercedes Lessard, Aleyah McFadden, Savannah Miller, Zhaia Patterson, Aubrey Scanlon, Kelsie Slack, Mikaela Teetrick, Ashlin Valentine, Jolie Villenurve

Travis Manion Foundation Empowers Veterans

BY: AVERY LAMBERT
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Ella Willoughby, a junior at STA and RPCC student, brings the Travis Manion Foundation to Louisiana while also conducting the Heroes Run 5K. The Heroes Run 5K is a yearly event to raise money for the foundation that took place at RPCC this year.



The Travis Manion Foundation's mission is to empower veterans, families of fallen service members and communities through programs focused on leadership, character development and community service. The organization aims to provide various initiatives, including mentorship, service projects, and events like the Heroes Run series, which promote community engagement and remembrance.

The Travis Manion Foundation is a nationwide nonprofit organization founded in memory of the U.S. Marine First Lieutenant Travis Manion, who was killed in Iraq in 2007. The foundation ensures that the legacy of heroes like Travis lives on.

Willoughby believes the foundation is crucial in honoring the sacrifices made by those in the military. "The foundation aims to keep the memory of fallen heroes alive, fostering a sense of gratitude and awareness within the community about the sacrifices made by service members," said Willoughby.

The Heroes Run 5K is an annual event organized by the Travis Manion Foundation.

It is held in various locations across the United States, including

Baton Rouge. This event brings together participants of all ages and fitness levels to honor military personnel, first responders and the heroes of September 11. According to Willoughby, "The Heroes Run is not just a race; it's a community gathering that promotes remembrance and support for those who serve."

Willoughby described how the event came to be. "I had originally run the Heroes Run in Virginia when I had lived there. When I moved to Louisiana my sophomore year, I looked for an event in my area and couldn't find one." This led to Willoughby contacting the Travis Manion Foundation to see if she could start a new chapter in Louisiana.

"We just held our 2024 Baton Rouge Heroes Run which was a huge success. We had 220 participants, fire trucks, police, sheriff's department, food trucks, vendors and amazing volunteers and participants," said Willoughby. She explained how the event continues to grow and get bigger every year. "We can't wait for our 2025 race!"



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St. Amant's Clash at the Coliseum

BY: JAYDEN PINO
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The Gators came out on top, as Grand Champions at the Clash at the Coliseum marching band competition last Saturday, October 12, at Lakeshore High School in Mandeville, Louisiana. St. Amant won a total of 6 awards at the event. The only award St. Amant did not win the award for most outstanding drum major. The Gators won trophies for overall most outstanding Visual, Percussion, Music, General Effect and Guard/Auxiliary, along with an award for Grand Champion.



The theme of St. Amant's performance at Clash At the Coliseum was the 1849 Gold Rush and westward expansion. Old West Village scenes, a wagon, prop dynamite and prop gold nuggets were all implemented into the performance to help build this theme.

"I can say our visuals are very unique compared to years before. We include a lot more and a lot more interesting props than we have before," said junior Drumline member, Jackson Freeman.

St. Amant attended this event only a day after STA's first performance of their entire show, allowing them to tweak their performance before testing their capabilities at a competition.

"As I tell the kids we want them to have a better performance and make improvements every single time we go out on the field, and there were improvements from Friday going into Saturday's performance," said St. Amant's Assistant Band director, Andrew Graham.

"Honestly this has taught me a lot about leadership, and how not everything will go your way. Not everything is how it is going to be expected to be. All you can do is adapt and overcome your shortcomings and other people's short shortcomings," said senior Drum Major/Alto Saxophone player, Steven Allen.

STA's next performance will be Saturday, October 19, at Terrebonne High School in the Battle of the Bayou Marching Festival. Be prepared for a demonstration of the Gators' musical skills, and hard work.

"We just tell the band 'Look, we are not competing against Dutchtown or Central Lafourche, or any of these other bands, we are competing against ourselves,' if every time the band that is on the field is better than the previous version of it then we are going to be in a great spot and everybody is going to be happy at the end of the season," Graham concludes.



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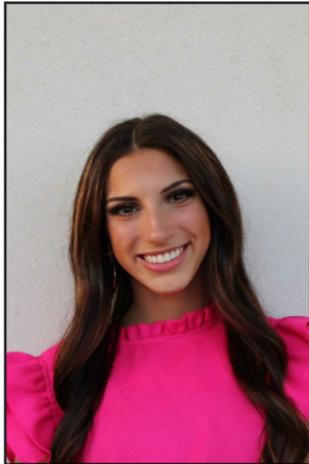
STA's 2024-25 Homecoming Court



Camryn Accardo is on the St. Amants Tennis team and is an Advanced Choir representative. She ran for homecoming court because she loves taking chances, Homecoming court is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and with this being her last year, she wants to make the most of it. Camryn shows school spirit by supporting as many clubs and sports. "I love dressing out for the Homecoming themes, going to football games and wearing the themes, and just being a Gator, and being proud of being a Gator".



Bella Babin decided to run for Homecoming court to represent her school and to be apart of an amazing experience for her senior year. "It's a very great experience to be able to represent the school." Babin said. She is co-captain of the Gateettes and a member of RHO Kappa and Gatorally. Babin shows her school spirit by performing at pep rallies and football games.



Faith Bateman said she was inspired to run for homecoming court because her sister, Grace Bateman, did so in the past, and she felt that it would be a fun experience. "I've been on the cheer team for four years, I'm captain of black squad, I did gator to gator for three years, and I did sources of strength for two years," said Bateman.



Kaylee Broussard is a part of the STA Gymnastics Team, Allied Health, HOSA, Next-Gen Club, FCA, etc. She ran for Homecoming Court for the once-in-a-lifetime experience. Kaylee loves the STA community, "I always cheer on the team in the student section. I love going to pep rallies and other school events." Kaylee is excited for this year's Homecoming Court, "Homecoming court was always something I wanted to do so now that I can do it with some of my best friends I am thrilled."



Claire Clouatre ran for homecoming court to gain a new life experience. "If you have the chance to experience something (go for it). Girls in the past always say how it's a great experience," stated Clouatre. At St. Amant, Clouatre is in Gatorally, Gator to Gator, Pit Crew, and the cheer team. When asked how she spreads school spirit, Clouatre says she always focuses on the positive. "I just feel like the main thing is to stay positive about our school and never talk bad about our school."



Alexa Foster is involved with Gater Rally, BETA and shes a three-year member of the cheer team. Foster feels honored to be a part of St Amant's homecoming court, and loves St. Amant's community. Foster states, "I feel honored and special because there are a lot of people that ran."



Sarah Gonzales said she originally saw running for Homecoming Court as, "a shot in the dark." But, she later realized she wanted to prove to herself and everyone around her that they too are capable of things they set out to do. "I feel very blessed and thankful to get to walk through this with some of the girls I have grown to be very close with throughout the four years of highschool."



Julia Haddon ran for homecoming court "for the experience and being able to show some love for the place I've called home the past four years." She is involved in many activities at STA such as swim, tennis, GNN, and even the art club. Many people can describe Julia as outgoing, as she is very passionate about cheering on everybody.



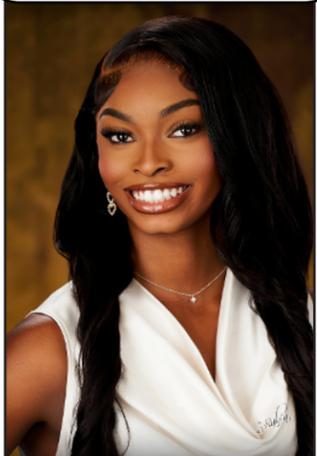
Jillian Martin decided to run for homecoming court because she loves being involved in the school spirit aspect of St. Amant. Martin says, "I think the very cool part about coming here is our community and it is so good to be a gator." Jillian Martin is involved in Gator rally, Gator to Gator, captain of Gold squad. She is also the Senior class president. She is very appreciative that the student body voted her to be nominated and she loves the community St. Amant creates.



Addison Robert chose to run for homecoming court because she wanted to have an amazing experience of representing STA. She is a current member of Pit Crew, Gator-To-Gator, Gatorally, and Allied Health. She also was a former Gateorette member for three years and participated in one year of track and gymnastics. She adds, "I just wanted to have an amazing experience of representing STA with so many amazing girls and participate in the fun activities throughout the week."



Ava Vicknair thought that running for homecoming court would be a new and fun experience for her senior year. "I was so excited," said Vicnair when asked how she felt when she heard her name being called. She is on the STA Softball and Basketball team and promotes school spirit by going to football games and other STA sports activities.



Asia Williams is involved in Gatorally, Pit Crew and track. Williams attends football games and other sporting events to show off her school spirit. Not only does Williams show school spirit by attending games, she also brings a positive attitude to share with the people around her. When Williams heard she made homecoming court she was joyous. "When I heard my name I was in shock, I was really happy."



Patricia Wilson was inspired by her mother's passing to run for homecoming court, she doubted her ability to likely be nominated. Wilson is in color guard, which is derived from her family's prior involvement. "I tried out because I saw my family do it, and thought I should give it a try," said Wilson. Wilson believes school spirit comes from being nice to others. "People are rude for no reason, and you wouldn't want them to be rude to you, so why would you be rude?" Wilson admitted.



OCTOBER 21ST - 25TH

homecoming week themes THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

MON 21 Memory Lane Monday DECADES: Freshmen-60's Sophomores-70's Junior-80's Seniors-90's	TUES 22 Twinnin on Tuesday Students find a classmate to be their twin and they dress alike. OR Dress like a teacher.	WED 23 What's Next Wednesday Future career or college of choice.	THURS 24 Throw Together Thursday Dress as something that starts with the same letter as your name. EXAMPLE- Jack= Jester Brooke= Bear	FRI 25 SPORTS FAN FRIDAY Soccer Mom OR BBQ Dad OR STA COLORS
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