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St. Amant Soccer Team kicks into action

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The St. Amant Soccer Team has been working tirelessly to prove they are a hard-fought team that can win against the competitors and make it to this year's finals. The Gators start the season with a 1-2-1 overall record. Their game against undefeated St. Paul's Catholic School was a hard-fought battle that ended in a tie. The Gators are very proud of this tie since they have never tied scores with St. Paul's before this game. The Gators marked the first stain on St. Paul's standings.

Head Coach Kevin Hoeprich was proud of their gameplay against St. Paul's. He said, "The team played really well. We definitely fought back a lot better today after we went down. Very proud of the resolve with the boys." While the final score was a 3:3 tie, the Gators did a great job offensively. Coach Kevin added, "We definitely put ourselves in a bad spot by giving them chances on the counterattack."

The Gators' last season gives a good example for the team about making it to finals. It was a great experience for the Gators and taught the team they're able to make it to the finals again this season.

There are a lot of areas of strength on the Gators soccer team. When asked about an area of strength, Senior Abram Lawless responded, "Our attack. We have some very good attacking players who know how to work together and if we get in the groove goals will start coming."

Since St. Amant newly hired Head Coach Kevin Hoeprich, the Gators have been working very hard this year. Abram Lawless also believes they have tons of potential. He adds, "We can really be a good team this year, you know, and get out some minor inconveniences." Although they have some obstacles to overcome, they've been working on improving teamwork and figuring out their opponents' strategies quickly.

The Gators have a lot more to look forward to this year. They have a total of 13 games left in the season. If you are interested in going to a soccer game and supporting the Gators this season then be there for the two upcoming games on Dec 5 at Liberty Magnet Highschool or on Dec 7 against U High at the Pit.

Payton Rouyea is STA's Principal for a Day

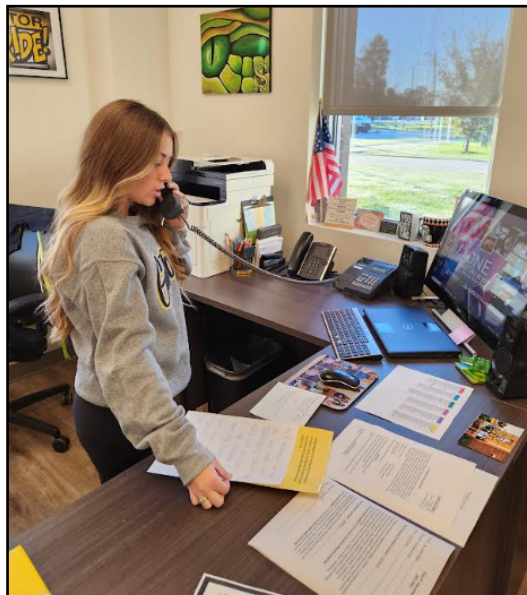
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On Friday, November 22nd, Senior Payton Rouyea was chosen to participate in being "principal for the day." For this, both Rouyea and Principal Christina Carter spent the entirety of the school day together and Rouyea was able to do tasks usually done by Mrs. Carter. Rouyea said she enjoyed the entire day, performing the daily tasks similar to those of Mrs. Carter.

Rouyea started the day off with announcements. She mentioned this task was most likely the most difficult for her. "Even though people cannot see your face, it's still your voice being around the whole school for over two thousand people, so it's nerve-wracking," said Rouyea. After announcements, both Mrs. Carter and Rouyea discussed finances and looked at paperwork before going to observe classes. They

visited Mr. Bowman and Mrs. Correll. Rouyea said her favorite part of observing is seeing the different perspectives of teachers.

Rouyea said she was nervous about participating, but the experience helped her feel more involved. She enjoyed having the opportunity to get to know a lot of the administrators. "One thing I liked about the whole day was that I wasn't talked to as a student. I was talked to as more of a peer instead of a student," said Rouyea. Rouyea stated that this opportunity was a major learning experience for her. "I feel like one thing I learned was that it takes a lot to run a school. Mrs. Carter, if you saw her desk, there were papers everywhere. I know she can get stressed out." Rouyea added, "I feel like no one gives her enough credit for what she does. She is an amazing person and I hope to strive to be like her."



ESC plants 250 trees

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St Amant's Environmental Science club went on a field trip to Bonnet Carre Spillway in St. Charles Parish, 12 miles west of New Orleans on November 21, 2024. During this field trip, the club planted over 250 trees to prevent erosion in Louisiana. This is the second year the club has partnered up with LSU to provide an eye-opening and empowering encounter to the community of St Amant. President of the Environmental Science club, Kendall Fournet, adds "We were able to plant the majority of the estimated 370 trees that we brought, and even gave the extra to the organization that we were working with.". These trees were specifically planted to withstand the harsh weather conditions in the

Louisiana area.

Over 20 students participated in the field trip. Students planted Water Hickory saplings in March of this year to prepare for this experience. A sponsor of the club and teacher at St. Amant, Mrs. Martinez, adds "We plant the trees in March, let them grow over the summer, and then they are usually ready in November." Through active participation in our community, students gain a sense of responsibility and leadership by growing and planting the trees themselves. Fournet adds. "Participating in activism makes me feel empowered. Even the smaller things like planting a tree can make a bigger impact than one may think."



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JROTC Marksmanship Competition

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St. Amant's JROTC shocked the competition, performing at the Marksmanship competition.

This is a shoulder-to-shoulder competition in which cadets from different schools come in, stand shoulder-to-shoulder, and shoot against each other in the same room.

Multiple schools attended the competition, and it's no surprise: 30 shooting lanes were set up at



Southern University. Typically the competition only has 10 lanes. It was directed by our organization which is Mr. Regan Kieff, he is the area 16 manager for all the Navy ROTC units throughout

the southeastern United States.

All the schools come together to compete in the competition-- co-hosted by Robertsedale High School from Alabama. Robertsedale loaded all the fire lane equipment and brought it to Southern University with help from the St. Amant JROTC and St. Amant did the scoring and also competed. This was St. Amant's first official Marksmanship Competition that they were able to compete in. One difficulty is that St. Amant is the only school to not have an indoor shooting range. Instead, we have an outdoor range, the outdoor range however needs to be

worked on and has a lot of maintenance work that needs to be done for better training.

St. Amant High also had a lot of maintenance to get the rifles they have in working condition, along with range maintenance with getting their range in material condition to shoot. Commander Micah Kiletico states, "Experience is just like any other sport, you just need time and practice and you need to have consistency, learn to have it, and isolate it when you do so you know what you are doing right and what you are doing wrong." St. Amant's JROTC trained for four hours each day for a week in different shooting positions and tried their best while showing some gator pride.



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Why have the 90s made a comeback?

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It's not unusual for past trends to come back in society, especially when they represent what is happening during that period. For example, the late 18th and early 19th centuries saw an increased interest in Roman and Greek aesthetics in reaction to emerging democratic ideals in Europe and a rejection of the extravagant ambivalence of rococo, a prominent aesthetic in the 18th century. Another modern example is the 1960s, which drew inspiration from the loose, box-like silhouette from the 1920s due to a push for civil change in society in both periods.

However, when you look at outfit inspiration for a Softcore outfit or how to decorate your room in the style of Dark Academia, you may notice a common denominator: a lot of these aesthetics, regardless of what they are, garner inspiration from the 1990s. I mean, think about every image you've seen on Pinterest nowadays that has anything to do with fashion. Can't you see the grunge/Y2K inspiration in the pictures? Plus, walking around, it's not uncommon to see teens wearing a nice ugly sweater, baggy jeans, and Vans, or a vintage Juicy Couture

jumpsuit. It's no question: the '90s are in fact making a comeback, and, upon closer inspection of what has happened in the past few years, it shouldn't be a surprise.

To trace the start of the '90s revival, we have to go back to the start of the decade. By 2020, many people had grown out of the garish and restrictive aesthetic of the 2010s. Also, unless you were living under a rock, you may recall a little event that happened the same year that arguably changed culture as we know it: The Coronavirus Pandemic. In isolation, the culture changed as society became much more desiring of comfortable and ambiguous aesthetics. And what decade had multiple subcultures, all of which encouraged nonconformity and comfort? Ding ding ding!-the 1990s. By 2022 the trend began, skyrocketed, and continues to blossom as of this very day.

Another reason for its popularity may come from what the fashion represents. 90s fashion, especially grunge, is more gender-neutral in style, allowing for more neutral and individualized clothing, great for a time when

thoughts of individuality and gender neutrality are currently at the forefront. Many students and faculty at STA can be seen wearing outfits and accessories inspired by the 90s, even when in uniform.



Broadcast Teacher Randon Gilmore strikes a pose in his vintage 90s sweater.



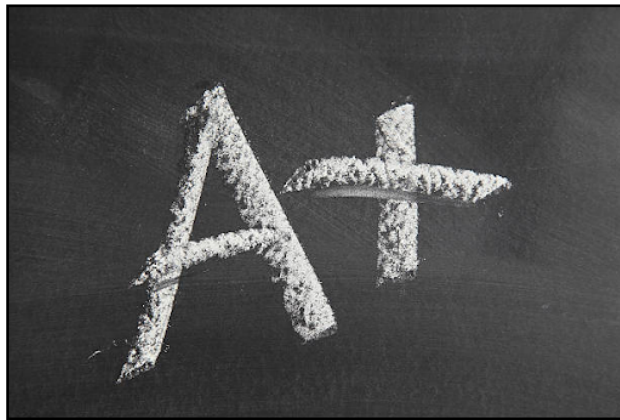
Junior Landon Moore sports a shaggy haircut, a style typically worn by males in the 1990s.

Ascension Parish Schools receives an 'A' rating

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Ascension Parish's district performance score (DPS) was ruled a 95.8, giving Ascension Parish an "A" rating. This is the third year in a row, since performance scores were withheld during the COVID-19 outbreak, that Ascension Parish has achieved this rating. This is the second-highest DPS in Louisiana tied with DeSoto Parish, behind the top-ranked district, Feliciana Parish.

"I think our letter grade is just a testament to a bunch of work that's put in over years in order to get that result," said head Principal Christina Carter. St. Amant has been working on improving ACT and WorkKeys scores for years. Much of St. Amant's success can be attributed to developing an accessible learning environment that offers many tools and opportunities for students. Carter said that as educators our staff are also learners, and taking opportunities to learn new strategies, to teach our kids, and to develop those relationships all play a part in St. Amant's success. "Teachers do a lot of work



that I don't think students see behind the scenes," said Carter. St. Amant High School's scores reflect the success and effort of the staff and student body.

"You have to be patient and you have to have people that are willing to be open-minded and reflective, which is one of the great things about our school, staff, and our community," said Carter. Ascension's high district performance score demonstrates that St. Amant High School strives for excellence and the prosperity of its scholars. St. Amant High School's staff aims to meet their students academically, but not lower their expectations, to support their students' performance. St. Amant High School is a community that works

towards the common goal of academic excellence. Having the same goal across all parties involved helps our school see the success our staff strives for. Carter concluded, "There are times when we can look at our progress and know that we put a lot of effort in getting there but that doesn't mean we are finished."