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STA's Black Squad wins second in the world

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The STA Black Squad Cheerleaders left for Orlando, Florida for nationals last Thursday, February 6, 2025. After performing for three days, the girls placed tenth in gameday, eighth in traditional, and second in their Worlds performance.

The overall attitude over the weekend was pride. Coaches Martha Lambert and Jessica Jones, both express how proud they are with how adaptable the girls were throughout the season. "It just kept getting changed over and over again. And every single time we did something they just adapted really well to the change," said Coach Lambert.

Not only did the girls have to be able to adapt to changes in their routines before taking the nationals floor, the girls had to be able to adjust to last minute changes.

After their first nationals performance of game day, Coach Lambert was able to get comments back from the judges. This allowed her and the Black Squad to make changes to routines to have more of an affect on the crowd. A big part of the score sheet is crowd effectiveness, so when they realized some moves didn't allow much for crowd effectiveness they changed it to be able to have a larger impact on the crowd. The girls had only a short period to learn and practice these changes in between performance rounds, showing how adaptable and hardworking the girls are.

Last year, after placing third with their traditional routine, the girls qualified for Worlds. Worlds is a separate company than UCA nationals. Worlds is where teams from all over the globe come to compete if they had placed in the top three with their traditional routine from the previous year. STA Black Squad has gone against teams from places like Jamaica, China and Canada. "I just like competing in worlds because of the different diversity and cultures," said Coach Lambert. Worlds is a place where you can learn about other countries, see and hear about different cultures. For instance, the Jamaican teams uniforms was made out of burlap sacks because they couldn't afford the higher uniform companies. "it just puts everything into perspective about how fortunate you are to grow

up and to have a program in this community," said Coach Lambert. Going to Worlds allows for both the girls and the coaches to see what other countries experience. It teaches a lesson to be appreciative of what they are able to have.

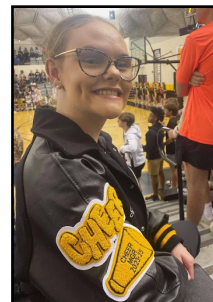
This year, Black Squad competed against some really strong teams in Worlds and was able to finish second in the world due to their hard work and dedication to their team.

The STA Black Squad had a very successful trip to Orlando, Florida UCA nationals. The girls and coaches came home with the sense of accomplishment for going out onto the nationals floor and giving it their all despite all of their obstacles throughout the year. "We were extremely proud of them," says Coach Lambert.



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Grace Theriot honored with Cheer letterman



Grace Theriot, a senior and manager of the St. Amant cheer team for two years, was surprised with a letterman jacket from the cheer team on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, right before the JV St. Amant versus East Ascension boy's basketball game. "I didn't expect to get the jacket or have the girls surprise me with it."



Theriot shares. She continues to express how thankful she is not only to be honored with the letterman, but to also be a part of the cheer program and have the friendships she has made from it.

STA Band students warm up for concert season with new opportunities

BY: MADELYN LONG
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With the start of a new semester, St. Amant Band students are reaching heights like never before. Recently, a record number of students have auditioned for and participated in the Louisiana Music Educators Association All-State Ensemble, District IV Honor Band, and Louisiana State University Stately Oaks Program. These immersive experiences not only improve the musical skills of each attendee but also create an incredible sense of camaraderie within St. Amant's Band program.

Amid the recent marching season, some band members concentrated on the rigorous audition process for All-State. The first round included students from the same LMEA district. While preparing two provided musical pieces and scales, they also braced for the sight reading portion. Junior Chase Cagnolatti explains, "They give you a piece you have to play then and there. It's your first time looking at it and then you have to play it, and then they score you based on that." After passing the first round, the chosen students went up against other districts.

Nine St. Amant students were selected from the second round to attend All-State in New Orleans on January 16-19. This weekend-long experience provided students with an opportunity to collaborate with some of the best musicians in the state and grow their skills. Senior Mason Blank says, "You are around students who are also really good at their instrument, making you a better player all around. You can take what you learned at Allstate and bring it back to



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your school to apply it in everyday practice." District Honor Band soon followed, bringing more opportunities for St. Amant Band members. A record-breaking 36

students attended the event with students from surrounding high schools. They participated in countless rehearsal hours and then spent their free time together growing friendships. Senior Brody LeBourgeois elaborates, "Sharing my interests and hobbies for the weekend with the people around me helps us grow closer as friends and gain memories we will always remember."

The following weekend, many St. Amant band students attended the Stately Oaks Program hosted by the LSU Music School. The packed agenda allowed students to grow their musical skills, explore what the LSU music program has to offer, and meet new people. For many, including LeBourgeois, attending the Stately Oaks program opened new pathways and inspired future goals. As someone who has always aspired to attend LSU and join Tiger Band, LeBourgeois said, "The masterclasses that we went to and the professors that were there created many opportunities for me to advocate for myself to pursue my goals."

The experiences over the past two months continue to shape the St. Amant Band program into what it is today. Each conversation with a mentor, new piece of music learned, and memory made will contribute to enhancing the St. Amant Band's performance at this year's LMEA Concert Festival. Band staff and members hope to see your support at their Pre-Fest concert on March 13 at 6:30 in the STA Commons.

STA Winterguard spins into competition season

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The St. Amant High School colorguard has transitioned into their winterguard season. The junior varsity and varsity teams have been working toward a common goal, first place. While the shows have a variety of differences, they are beautiful in their unique manner. The varsity show is titled “The Last Goodbye.” It features the well-known song “Pink Skies,” written by Zach Bryan. This show is supposed to leave viewers in a state of heart-heaviness. On the other hand, the junior varsity show titled “Neverland,” includes the song “Lost Boy” by Ruth B., which is intended to take the audience along with Peter Pan and Wendy through their adventures in Neverland. The two teams showcased these productions at Walker High School on February 8.

With a compelling show, the varsity team achieved second place. The Gators used their skills learned throughout marching season

along with newly acquired skills to achieve this. Senior weapon captain Madelyn Long stated, “We get to play around with things that are happening in real life, and use something relatable to showcase the technical skills that we worked on all marching season.” Skills are not the only component of this team’s success. The show has empathetic elements that connect with the judges. With such a heartfelt show, it is the team’s responsibility to execute it well. “It brings everybody together and creates such an experience performing it. We know that everybody understands the story we are trying to tell and is experiencing the feeling together,” Long said.

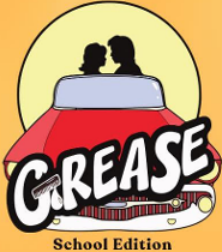


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The junior varsity team has been working together nonstop to tell their story. The primary focus has been improving individual skills. Junior flag captain Hannah Jefferson said, “We’ve been doing a lot of different tosses, like teaching tosses to the newer girls, and building relationships.” The relationships built allow for better opportunities for the winterguard show, especially when it comes to being collaborative as a group. “My favorite thing about the show is when the rifles partner up and get to do work together, it’s very fun,” junior weapon captain Mikaela Teetrick mentioned. Working together

has enabled the respect teammates have for each other. Teetrick expressed, “If something is going wrong in practice, we try to work through it instead of getting frustrated.” To prepare for the upcoming competition this weekend at Lakeshore High School, both teams have been extremely productive. Junior flag captain Avery Snyder shared, “We’ve been working on tosses, learning more work and learning new dances.” The teams have been changing routines based on judges’ critiques. That being said, support the junior varsity and varsity teams on February 15 at Lakeshore High School.

TICKETS ADDED!



We have added tickets to our performances since our Thursday night show was already SOLD OUT! Don't wait, get your tickets today before it's too late!

Tickets available by scanning the QR codes below

Thursday
February 13th

Friday
February 14th

Saturday
February 15th



All performances are at 7:00 pm in the STA Commons

VALENTINE'S DAY AT STA

What are your plans for Valentine's day?

"I'm going out to the mall and buying my girlfriend whatever she points at and then we're going out to dinner."

- William Burgett

Who is someone that you appreciate?

"Lieutenant Commander Bates. He's the ROTC instructor for St. Amant High School and I joined the program last year and he's helped me a lot. He's given me a lot of opportunities, taken me to a lot of places, showed me and allowed me to meet lots of people like senators, generals and admirals and it's just been an experience."

- Julyen Dinnel

What is your ideal way to spend Valentine's Day?

"I sit on the couch and watch chick flicks."

- Olivia Winegar

What is your favorite candy to get on Valentine's day?

"I like Mike and Ikes, and Skittles, you know, the good stuff."

- Alonzo Washington

FFA Farmer's Market set for March 29

BY: Alexandra Toste
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The annual St Amant High School FFA Farmers Market and Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, March 29 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Some past participants include: homemade jams from FACS, pinch pots from STA Art Club, face painting by student council, recycled art by Environmental Science and snow balls from DECA. Sponsors of the event are asking student and staff volunteers to help set up booths and contribute any other services that they may wish. Students are also welcomed to join the educational tent to provide lessons on subjects related to natural resources. For more information contact Mandy Delaune at mandy.delaune@apsb.org.



STA Baseball team's preseason prep

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The St. Amant High School Baseball team has been preparing for the upcoming season in a variety of ways. The team has opened the preseason with Black vs. Gold scrimmage matches, in which the St. Amant Baseball team splits into two teams that play each other in order to build team chemistry and healthy competition.

These scrimmage games have allowed Bradon Bravata, coach of the St. Amant High School Baseball team, and the players to better understand how the team will do during this season.

“This is the most inexperienced team I have coached in a long time. We will need to get out early and be able to handle adversity in order for us to have a successful year. We will have to overcome some challenges. If we can do those things we will be fine,” says Coach Bravata.

The players are also feeling optimistic about this season, which can be attributed to the team and their success in the scrimmage matches.

“We had a lot of energy, especially the black team. We played hard, we hustled on and off the field and we

just had fun,” says Easton Humphrey, a 12th-grade baseball player.

The scrimmage matches and other preseason efforts seem to show that the St. Amant High School Baseball team is going to go into the upcoming season prepared and ready to strike down their opponents.

When asked about how he feels about the upcoming season, Humphrey said, “I’m feeling good. I feel like we have a chance to win district if we try hard and stay focused.”

St. Amant High School also played University High at a jamboree game, losing eight to two. Although this is a loss for the Gators, it highlights ways that the Gators can improve as a team for the upcoming regular season games.

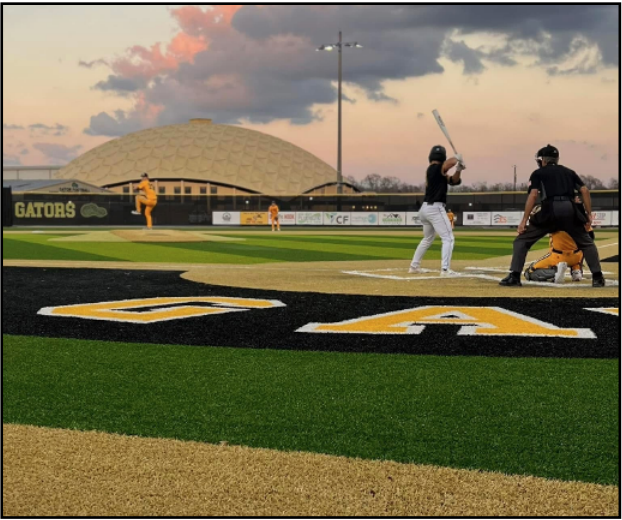


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Meet the Spring 2025 Gata Data Staff

