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2025 Gators aim to 'make the community proud'

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Football is officially back for the 2025 school year. On Thursday, August 21, the St. Amant Football team hosted a scrimmage against Shaw High School at The Pit.

The scrimmage provided an outlook on the upcoming season for the Gators. The coaches and staff are optimistic about this year's outlook. When asked how he felt about this upcoming season, Head Coach David Oliver said, "You know we've got 27 seniors and a very good junior class behind them and coming off of a playoff year and having a lot of experience coming back." Last year, the Gators finished the season with a 7-4 overall record and went 5-1 in District 5A. They made it to the first round of playoffs, but ended their season after a 28-20 loss to Westgate.

This year, the Gators will play a total of six district games, with the most popular games among students being against East Ascension High and Dutchtown High, both of which will be played at The Pit.

Some of this season's offensive standouts include: Cooper Babin at quarterback, Jermichael

Millien at wide receiver, and a stout offensive line rostered by players Ethan LeBeau, Sam Palacios, Kayden Thodile and others. Defensive standouts are: defensive linemen Jacoby Davis and Jeremy Whatley, defensive backs Clarence Jackson, Cedrick Jones Jr. and MJ Dunn at safety.

Coach Oliver expects that throughout the season, the team will continue to grow together and stay healthy. "I think this is a team that is going to make the St. Amant community proud."

On Friday, August 29, the Gators hit the road to take on the Assumption Mustangs in their annual Jamboree. Make sure to go out and support our Gators.



STAFF PHOTOS



NJROTC most improved in region

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St. Amant's NJROTC has been named the most improved unit in Area 16 for the 2024-2025 school year. Last year, they attended 75 different events, including football games, basketball games, and other school activities. They participated in multiple competitions throughout the year, each including drill competitions, marksmanship, orienteering, athletic competitions, and academics.

The amount of cadets that earned fitness ribbons jumped from 20 to 24 compared to last year. Additionally, 74 cadets passed Annual Military Inspections compared to the 59 that earned the accolade last year. They also improved in fitness challenges by 28%. The cadets were honored with a new streamer, but according to Commander Micah Kiletico, the real reward is the recognition. "Just to be recognized in front of your peers is what is really cool and what makes it

special," Kiletico said. Overall, they have exceeded their previous accomplishments and have improved the most compared to over 600 schools in the region.

Another source of their pride is the service they provide to the St. Amant community. They have doubled their service hours and renovated their facilities around campus. "Mrs. Carter might need something moved or picked up, and JROTC is able to help out. We're a service organization," Kiletico said. Their service hours have increased in recent years from 597 to 1,351 hours, contributing to their improvements.

Commander Kiletico and Lt. Commander Aaron Bates have big goals for the future. Commander Kiletico said, "We wanna be the best in the nation."

They have taken the first steps towards achieving this goal by progressing their unit and will continue striving for success.



Art Club holds first informational meeting

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Art club is a sanctuary for those searching for a place to embrace their creative side. The club offers crafts, art projects, and the well-known sticky note contest, providing students on campus with a thriving, inclusive, and engaging community where authenticity is never forsaken.

Art Teacher Mrs. Denny says, "The Art club is for people who like to draw and do creative things like paint and maybe some crafty type things too." In addition, she says, "Every meeting we try to do a different craft or art project, or it will be like a free draw, like a draw in your journal type time. Sometimes we interact and have a meeting where we are all collaborating on something, and sometimes everyone is doing their own separate project, you know?" Art club's vibrancy continues to lure students into its enjoyable, innovative environment.

Lydian Wilks, a Junior at St. Amant High, a returning Art Club attendee, says, "I've been drawing for a couple of years. Apparently, according to my parents, I have been drawing since I was old enough to hold a pencil. Art is cool, and I like to draw." She then adds, "It's neat! I get to do some cool stuff for about an hour. Last year, we did speed portraits where someone sat down at the front of the room and we had about five minutes to make a portrait of them, and that was pretty fun!"



PHOTOS TAKEN BY SANIYA SMITH

Another returner, Tanner Girard, says that this warm community introduced him to one of his now best friends. "Well, I met one of my best friends for life here, and I could always make another." Art club is not only an inviting place for self-expression, it's a community for those to meet like-minded individuals, and it's a setting for all of St. Amant High to be their true creative selves.



Counselors face changes at St. Amant

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As with every new school year, there have been a few changes implemented at St. Amant High. One of the major changes is the counselor reassignments. During summer break, St. Amant High lost two counselors. Ms. Geraldine Couvillion retired and Ms. Natali Aucoin transferred to Early College Options (ECO). This dropped the counselor number from five to three.

Counselors began brainstorming many solutions for this before ultimately deciding to drop the previous structure of having a counselor for Freshman only, as well as having one for Jumpstart students only. Now, St. Amant High counselors split the load equally, dividing students alphabetically into groups of three. Following the new assignments, Ms. Sarah Jorge covers students with the last names A-F, while Ms. Kandis Gonzales is over last names G-M, and Ms. Dareth Sampson is over last names N-Z.

The topic of hiring a new counselor to fill one of these gaps was discussed, but for the near future, these three counselors will remain the only ones. “At this point in time, we didn’t fill that spot, so we are going to keep working. It’s an important piece of this school, so we want to make sure it is a good hire,” Ms. Sampson said.

While this change has impacted students, an important note is counselors were also affected in various ways. The start of the year is always a lot, especially for staff. Ms. Sampson added, “The beginning of the school year is always a very busy and hectic time for everybody, but especially in this office. I knew I had to keep telling myself, it’s crazy right now, it’s a little difficult, but it’s that time of the year that it is

naturally that way.” If a student is interested in reaching out to their assigned counselor, there are many ways to do so. Contacting a counselor via email is always a great and easy option, however students may also ask teachers for help finding and speaking with their counselor. Counseling staff has discussed becoming more present through Google Classroom, and thought of creating more access points, but as of now this is not in effect.

Students can reach out to their counselors for multiple reasons. Counselors are happy to help with any issues, such as scheduling, academics, and college preparation, but their work ranges to personal issues as well, such as relationships, social problems, or simply helping someone through a difficult time. Regardless of the reassignments, every single counselor on this campus wants students to succeed. “We are here, and we want to be helpful to them in any way that we can,” Ms. Sampson said. “There is no magic wand, but we want to work with them and help them figure out a solution for whatever it is that they need.”



From left: Sarah Jorge (A-F), Dareth Sampson (N-Z), Kandis Gonzales

New tardy policy aims to impact student education

BY: BRYCE LONDIER, RANDI GUFFEY

The new school year comes with new policies. Looking at data from past school years, there was a high number of tardies that mainly came from student drivers. Principal Christina Carter says, “Driving to school is absolutely a privilege and the new change is to deter you from coming to school late.” By having the freedom to drive to school, students can get ready and have a schedule that benefits them and still arrive at school on time. When a student gets this privilege taken away from them, the student would also lose their time in the morning and would have to worry about catching the bus or finding a ride. When students receive five tardies, their parking pass is revoked for a week. If a student continues to drive to school without their pass or gains

additional tardies, it will result in the loss of their parking pass for the rest of the year. “I’m hoping that this extra motivation will help decrease the amount of tardies we have to first block,” Carter said.

“I think the goal is to get children in classrooms. I think the majority of the students typically want to follow the rules so now that we have this rule, I think more of them will be in class on time, which is great. They need to be in class,” added US History teacher Shanna Savoy. The main goal behind this change was to ensure that students are getting to class and are not missing out on any important learning time. One effect of being frequently tardy is that student's grades can suffer. According to Carter, this new policy will benefit the well-being of the students in the

classrooms and ensure that they are getting full instruction time.



New club at STA celebrates Cajun culture

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Are you interested in honoring your Cajun identity? The Cajun Club is the perfect way to learn about Cajun music, dancing, food, culture, folklore and even creating Mardi Gras costumes. Sponsor Ms. Margaret Pellerin said, “My big goal is to one day have our own Courir Mardi Gras, which is a parade where you chase chickens, it's not quite a parade they ride on horses back to everybody's house and they ask for something to put in the big gumbo, you know we might get to chase a chicken.” You can join the Cajun club by using the code @gdg7he to log into Remind.

The first meeting will be held on August 29 after school, and it will take place every other Thursday after school until 4 p.m. in room 312.

Cajun Club

First meeting:
August 28th
3:00pm-4:00pm

Some things to expect in this club:

- Cajun music and dancing
- Food
- Culture
- Making mardi gras costumes
- Folklore

Remind code: @gdg7he

STA goes to Japan in 2027

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In 2027, St. Amant High School students and Jared Chabarría will travel to Japan. The things they will do on this trip is visit different cities such as Tokyo and Kyoto, cities known for the beautiful features.

The trip promises to be a great learning experience, according to Mr. Chabarría.

The date for the informational meeting is Thursday, August 28, at 6 p.m. in room 301. Mr. Chabarría will answer or go over any questions and concerns

that you have about this trip, also the amount of money that is recommended to bring will also be discussed in the informational meeting, as well as the date for the trip alone is spring break of 2027.

If you cannot make the informational meeting, contact Mr. Jared Chabarría for more information at jared.chabarría@apsb.org. You can also scan the QR code below to join.

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INFO MEETING:

Aug.28, 2025 @SAHS RM309 @6:00pm