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Jade Vinnett crowned Homecoming Queen

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Homecoming allows students to come together and have fun at the start of the year, and it is a night to remember for those who attend. Jade Vinnett was crowned Homecoming Queen on September 26, 2025. "My favorite part of the experience was definitely meeting new people and riding in the parades," Vinnett says. She also described her experience as stressful, but in the end, it was all worth it. She would also like to say thank you to the student body and other students who voted for her.



Winning streak continues after Gators exterminate Hornets

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On September 26, the St. Amant football team defeated Scotlandville 28-14 to extend its winning streak to four games. The Gators outperformed the Hornets by gaining 73 more yards, averaging 7.4 yards per play. Cooper Babin carried the ball 13 times for 129 yards. Jourdan Hickerson rushed 16 times, recording 95 yards. Quarterback Cooper Babin attempted 16 passes, completing 8, for a 50% completion rate with a longest pass of 50 yards to receiver Jermicheal Millien. Millien totaled 63 receiving yards on the night.

In the first quarter, the St. Amant Gators jumped out to an early 14-point lead against the Scotlandville Hornets. Running Back Jourdan Hickerson ran up the middle for a 4-yard touchdown to open the scoring for the Gators. Later in the first quarter, Hickerson scored again on a 27-yard run to extend the Gator lead. Paxton Leblanc then kicked a successful extra point, giving the Gators a 14-point advantage over Scotlandville.

During the second quarter, the Gators stalled offensively. The opponents were able to run a wide left, gaining two yards, which led them to reach the endzone, closing the STA lead 14-7. Defensively, the Gators excelled, successfully keeping Scotlandville's scrimmage points to a minimum. Senior MJ Dunn and the rest of the Gator defense performed well to limit Scotlandville's successful drives. Cooper Ladner had an amazing game on special teams, and Jeremy Whatley was agile on the frontline with two hard QB hits.

As soon as the fourth quarter arrived, the Gators began to take back control of the game. The Gators pushed their foot on the gas pedal, and running back Jourdan Hickerson scored for the third time on a 2-yard run. Kicker Leblanc also kicked another extra point, extending the Gator lead 21-7. The Gators tacked on another score after an 8-yard run from Senior Quarterback Cooper Babin, extending their lead to 28-7. The Hornets responded with an 84-yard kickoff return to close the gap 28-14, but ultimately failed to find the endzone again.



Although the Gators have successfully won another game, Coach Oliver says that, similarly to every functioning team, something will always need to be improved upon. "I feel like we're in pretty good shape as we head into our first district game. We're going to continue protecting the ball, and we're going to work on eliminating our troubles with covering kicks and punts." Another priority for the Gators was to cut down on penalties; during the game, the

Gators received six penalties for 58 yards. The Gators will have to keep winning the turnover battle while addressing the special teams' kicking arrangement.

The Gators look to continue their winning streak when they open up district play against parish rival Dutchtown. The district showdown will be held at The Pit on Friday, October 3. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. Be sure to wear white and make some noise for your STA Gators.

The ‘Team Behind the Team’: STA Sports Medicine Program is ready for another successful year.

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The St. Amant High School Sports Medicine Program aims to enhance performance on and off the field by ensuring that athletes receive the appropriate rehabilitation and treatment.

Student aids aren't just ‘water boys and water girls,’ they are the people who watch athletes' progression through their performances and treat other students according to their situation. Student aids are constantly in hectic environments, especially before games, when making sure that student athletes are properly treated, taped, and that all of the equipment and supplies are stocked and properly packed to be brought to the destination of the games. During the games, they watch the athletes and ensure that they are hydrated so that they perform at their best. After games, student aids make sure that they follow up with players who got injured during the game and treat them. They also follow up by ensuring that everything is



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clean, laundry is done, and all equipment and supplies are unpacked that were previously brought to the game.

It is often misunderstood what it means to be a student aid. Student aid Dylenn Hebert says, “I love what I do, I love helping people, emergency stuff is my jam.” Additionally, it’s a family that is constantly growing within the Sports Medicine program. Dylenn expresses how much her former classmates impacted her academically

and as a person: “I owe them everything; they trained me to be how I am today, and just teaching me everything that I know, even if it's just showing me the way things are done, and that gave me the confidence to teach other kids this year.” Not to mention the joy of experiencing the atmosphere on the sidelines, Kenny Nguyen states, “I like being on the sidelines, it's just the atmosphere on the sidelines and the energy.” The St. Amant High School Sports Medicine Program has a significant impact on the school that is often overlooked; they truly are the team behind the team, and they are vital to all sports and athletes.

“Foster” by Claire Keegan has potential to be the next Trending Novel

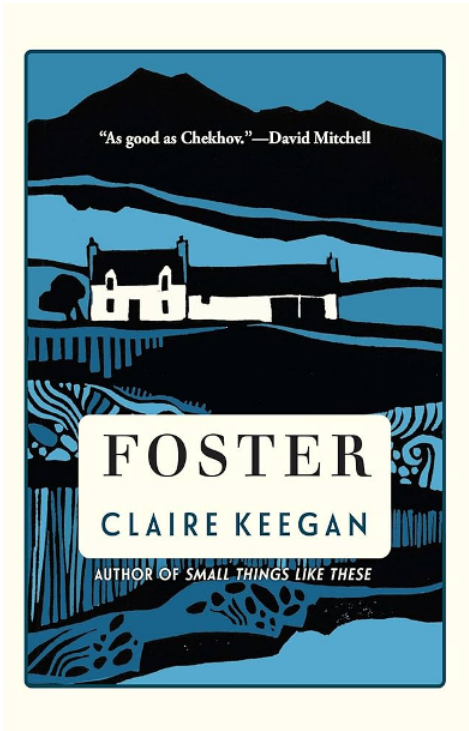
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Published in 2010, “Foster” by bestselling author Claire Keegan is a short, coming-of-age novel about a young girl who experiences a change that leaves her with important life lessons and new found love. The narrator, who remains unnamed in the book's entirety, comes from an unstable household. She is one day brought to a relative's house, the Kinstellas, for the summer, where she arrives anxious and unsure on how the summer will be.

As the novel continues, readers see a significant shift in the narrator's personality as she continues to blossom into a different, happier version of herself through the support and care of the Kinstellas, until the summer comes to an end and secrets unfold.

With a 4.3 out of 5 star rating on Goodreads, Keegan’s skill is clearly displayed in the book, leaving her audience impacted and attached to the characters. British writer Hilary Mantel quotes, “Foster confirms Claire Keegan’s talent..every line seems to be a lesson in the perfect deployment of both style and emotion.”

The pages are packed with the themes of love, belonging, and childhood experience, making it almost impossible to put down.



Alongside Mantel's support, The Times (UK) says, “There are few stories in contemporary Irish literature with the emotional heft of this novella.” The story has also received the prestigious Davy Byrnes Award, which strives to honor the tradition of Irish short-story writing.

I found the book incredibly moving and captivating. Keegan’s characters were complex and realistic, accurately displaying the circumstances of the story. I also enjoyed the fact that throughout the book, there are scenes that happen that can be interpreted in many ways, allowing readers to fall deeper into the book.

Overall, I would rate this book a 4.5 out of 5, and I highly recommend the book to anyone looking for something to read that is both short yet packed with feeling.



Annual College and Career Expo held

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The Ascension Public Schools Fourth Annual Career & College Expo was recently held on Wednesday, September 24. The expo is a great opportunity for students to network with established business and gain exposure to promising careers. Along with an opportunity for students to learn about colleges and universities, students were also able to learn about job opportunities in their local area and career path that they can choose for their futures.



New Teacher Spotlight: Daylon Ardoin

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Daylon Ardoin has been teaching for two years, but this year is his first at St. Amant High. Ardoin teaches Special Education for Seniors. "I thought I would never be a teacher, but you know God pushes you to a path, and sometimes you just have to take a leap of faith." Ardoin says that teaching special education helps him develop in certain aspects in his life, like being patient and treating people the way they deserve, not how they treat you. So far, Ardoin has had a good experience at STA, "I think the teachers are great, the students are great. Everybody is just welcoming." Ardoin says what he is most looking forward to this school year is baseball season.



St. Amant celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

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National Hispanic Heritage Month is a special time to celebrate the rich history, diverse cultures, and significant contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans. This month takes place from September 15 to October 15 of each year and serves as the independence anniversaries of several Latin American countries.

The origins of National Hispanic Heritage Month can be traced back to 1968 when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a bill into law, authorizing a week-long celebration. In 1988, the week was expanded to a month-long period, starting on September 15, which is Independence Day for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

Hispanic Heritage Month is an important time to recognize the impact of Hispanic Americans on the nation's history and culture. It encourages us to embrace diversity, learn about different cultures, and foster a sense of unity.

Mrs. Jones, a Spanish teacher who also teaches about Hispanic Heritage Month, believes this topic is very important, saying, "I'm trying to expose them to different cultures and get the kids out of their comfort zone because if they try something different, they might appreciate it." She includes different parts of Hispanic Heritage Month in her class, including learning about specific Hispanic people who have made an impact, including soccer players and astronauts, Day of the Dead, Hispanic foods, Hispanic Countries and their culture, dancing, watching the Selena movie, music, and music bracket challenges. Mrs. Jones states that her favorite part of teaching this unit is getting to see her students learn about something new and introducing them to new topics and cultures.



St. Amant Homecoming Pep Rally and Parade

