



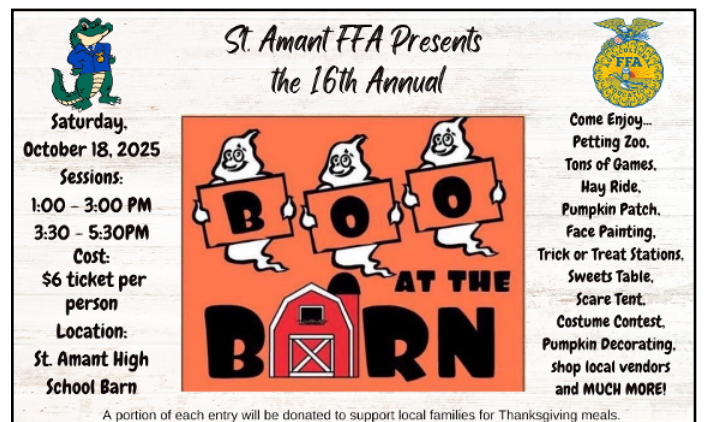
St. Amant Gators face their first loss of the season against Dutchtown

While the Gators attempted to maintain their spirits, a few players could be seen on the side, seeming troubled. Just a few minutes into the fourth quarter, the Griffins managed to sneak in their final score of the night, placing the Gators and the Griffins at 28-35. Coach Oliver mentions that “the last two drives we didn’t score,” so we “have to be consistent.”

Undoubtedly, one of our biggest mishaps of the night, and our last few games giving up a returning touchdown in all five games in which the Gators are working diligently to get that fixed. Following this game, the Gators are pumped up for their upcoming road game against the Walker Wildcats on Friday, October 10. Look for the Gators to regain their footing and pull out a win.



A photograph of a volleyball game in progress. A player in a red jersey is jumping to spike the ball over the net. A player in a black jersey is jumping to block. Other players are in various positions on the court. The background shows a gymnasium with a scoreboard and banners.



FCA experiences a growth in the program

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Fellowship of Christians Athletes is a fellowship club where students, athletes or not, share their experience with the Lord to their peers. FCA's administrator is Mrs. Morgan Green but is a student lead club. The club meets every Friday morning at 7:05 until the first bell.

Due to the schedule change, FCA now meets every Friday morning in the Little Theater at 7:05. Bus riders who attend FCA are able to get a special note to get off of their bus five minutes early to attend the new meeting time. During the meetings leaders will take small groups called "huddles" or have a Pastor from a local church come in and preach. In the huddles, the leaders will share the bible study and talk through it with their small group. Pastors come from local churches so students can easily find a church home outside of school. "I try to pull local area pastors where I know 'hey you can plug into this Church.'" said Mrs. Green.

The most notable activity FCA is apart of at St. Amant is having a leader say a prayer before home football games. FCA also takes part in many other school activities such as ring night and graduation. The FCA leaders pray over the attendees during these activities. FCA holds an event every year called "See You at the Pole" where any student or faculty member at STA can attend. The event is held on the fourth Wednesday of September. The event is a student led prayer around the flagpole in front of the school. FCA leaders will hold small groups with different signs for students to go and pray over. Some examples of the group are family, teachers, mental health, sports, and safety.



Mrs. Green has been the FCA sponsor for 10 years now and in her 10 years of experience, the club has grown tremendously. When the club first started, Mrs. Green would get a guest speaker to come and spread the Gospel every week to a small number of students. However, after the flood of 2016 and covid in 2020, FCA began to grow in size and adjust their ways. FCA became more students-lead-students oriented instead of having guest speakers come everyweek. The club experienced a growth from about 25 kids to about 150 students weekly. With Covid FCA faced a small hit where the number of students attending the club dropped to about 60 kids. However this year the club is experiencing and increase again with about 100 kids weekly in attendance on Friday mornings. FCA leaders have found that the experience in leading their peers in their religion has allowed for them to also find themselves in their faith. "That leadership role that I've taken on has really helped me develop my character and really realize who I am in Christ" said senior leader Bryson Guidry. FCA is a club that teaches leadership skills and allows for students to find people like them on campus. For students who want to start attending FCA, just go. "If you want to experience christian community, it's there for you. It's loving and accepting." said senior leader Savhanna Miller. FCA is a club where anyone can attend no matter their faith or if they are an athlete or not. FCA meets every Friday morning at 7:05 in the little theater.

The curtains rise as St. Amant Theatre brings the eccentric world of "The Addams Family" musical to life.

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The St Amant Theatre is performing the musical "The Addams Family". The Addams Family follows the kooky Addams Family's attempts at "normalcy" for their daughter, Wednesday, who has fallen in love with Lucas Beineke, an ordinary boy from an ordinary family.

Heidi Frederic, the director of the musical, says that this musical is unique for St. Amant, it's the first musical comedy the theatre program has produced. "Other musicals have been funny, but this show, The Addams Family, every time it's been reimaged or redone, it's always been a comedy. I'm excited to see the comedic moments come out."

Mrs. Frederic also commented on the challenges of doing a fall show instead of a spring one: "Normally, right now we would have just had auditions and just started the rehearsal process, but here we are two weeks out from the show opening. Having rehearsal and all of these things at the beginning of the school year is quite different, and we don't have as much time as we would normally have with a show in February. But we have a strong cast and I am very excited to see their growth over the next two weeks."

The cast described the musical as both challenging and enjoyable. Senior Landon Moore, who plays Lucas Beineke, explained that although it has been a lot of work, the effort helps reduce stress and build confidence in delivering a high-quality performance.

The cast and directors are especially proud of the musical's ornate set, which Mrs. Frederic describes it as "the most ornate set we've ever done." She added, "You're going to hear beautiful music, see amazing dancing, and watch fun characters come to life on stage." Payton Wiles, who plays Gomez Addams, echoed this enthusiasm, saying, "I didn't think I'd like this musical as much as I do, but it really is incredible."

Despite some struggles, everyone working on The Addams Family is excited to premiere the show that they have been working so hard on. The show will run October 23rd-25th. Tickets can be purchased on School Cash Online.



STA NJROTC receives Third in first Drill Meet

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The Gators of NJROTC recently had their first drill meet of the year on October 4, 2025. The Gators competed against twelve different teams from Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama and ended up placing third overall. Some students that really stood out to Commander Michah Kiletico and Lieutenant Commander Aaron Bates were Kaomi Walker, Jordan Medine, Jakob Bauer, and Mikayla Babin.

A Drill Meet is a combination of an academic exam, military drill team, physical fitness competition, and an inspection. The Gators competed with about forty cadets and each cadet had their own roles. The Drill Teams include four different teams and a color guard team. Also, there are two different divisions in drill, armed and unarmed. The armed division being the ones that carry the rifles and the unarmed division do not. In inspections, the cadets are inspected head to toe of their uniforms and how well they present themselves.

The Gators “work constantly,” according to Commander Kiletico. They work both in class and after school in order to prepare for their meets and gain a lot of precision. Commander Kiletico compares the drill team to a dance team because “there are a lot of precise and legit moves that you do together”. Due to all the hours put into practice, the Gator NJROTC team placed third overall combining all the teams and individually there were a few second places. Although the Gators competed well, both Commander Bates and Commander Kiletico agree that some improvements to the amount of precision in the team need to be made.

“We are excited because we are still a very young team,” Commander Kiletico says. Most of the NJROTC team is made of sophomores meaning that with even more practice and growth, this team can really excel and be strong.



Opinion: Go Gold for St. Jude

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September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

St. Jude is a nonprofit organization that is devoted to helping kids that get diagnosed with cancer, located in Memphis, Tennessee. St. Jude works to advance cures for kids with cancer through research and treatment. They help and treat over 8,000 kids annually, which costs more than \$2 billion to run and operate each year. Additionally, operating costs range from \$2.2 million to \$5.5 million per day. One special thing that St. Jude does is that the families they help never receive a bill and are paid through different kinds of funding and donations. Annually, these fundings and donations generate \$1.7 billion, which includes \$1.4 billion in fundraising and donations, \$127 million in government grants, \$154 million in insurance reimbursements, and \$60 million in other miscellaneous ways.

There are many different types of fundraisers that people do to help raise money for childhood cancer awareness. One organization that helps raise money is the American Cancer Society, which has raised \$11 million since 2019. The American Cancer Society holds a Relay For Life to celebrate the people who have survived cancer, passed away, and raises funds to help those who are currently being affected by cancer, and has raised over \$7 billion globally. Often, these fundraisers use the phrase “Go Gold” to represent and raise awareness about childhood cancer, typically in September, often by wearing gold or displaying gold items. Another organization that helps with St. Jude is Varsity Spirit.



Varsity Spirit is located in Memphis, Tennessee, where St. Jude is located, so the president of Varsity Spirit, Bill Seely, says that their mission with St. Jude is, “to inspire,

empower, and provide hope to young people.” They get dancers and cheerleaders from all over the nation to help and raise money for St. Jude. St. Amant cheer is one of these teams that work with Varsity Spirit and raise money to help St. Jude. Last year, STA cheer was top six of donors from that nation. Cheer sponsor Martha Lambert says, “And then we got to learn the entire working of St. Jude, it just became a thing. Oh, we’re really going to put in a lot of effort, mentally. It was like a reward, like okay, I get it now.” Varsity Spirit and St. Jude started their partnership in 2011, and over the past years, they have raised over \$15 million to help St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

There are many different ways someone can support St. Jude. You can donate directly to St. Jude, or you can buy items from their online store and not only give money towards St. Jude, but also get products and items. You can also get involved through volunteering and participating in fundraising.

St. Jude has raised the overall survival rate of kids who have childhood cancer from 20% survival in 1962 to 80% survival today. They have done this with the treatment and research they completed, one being “Total Therapy,” raising the percentage of patients treated with this, still leukemia-free after five years, to 94.7%. The survival rate for acute lymphoblastic leukemia has risen from 4% in 1962 to 94% today. The United States has a four out of five survival rate, but for other countries, it’s only one out of five. Right now, the global survival rate is only 20% but St. Jude plans to raise it to 60% by 2030.

Opinion: Taylor Swift’s “The Life of a Showgirl” replaces vulnerability with sparkle

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On October 3, 2025, American singer-songwriter Taylor Swift released her new album titled “The Life of a Showgirl.” Prior to its release, Swift announced the album on the “New Heights” podcast, hosted by her fiancé, Travis Kelce, along with his brother, Jason Kelce.

The album has 12 tracks: The Fate of Ophelia, Elizabeth Taylor, Opalite, Father Figure, Eldest Daughter, Ruin the Friendship, Actually Romantic, Wi\$h Li\$t, Wood, CANCELLED!, Honey, and The Life of a Showgirl (feat. Sabrina Carpenter).

Once releasing the album, Swift appeared on the shows like the “Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon” and “Late Night with Seth Meyers” to further promote and explain the album.

However, regardless of the exciting lead up and consistent promotion to this album, Swift is now facing backlash as many begin to claim that “The Life of a Showgirl” has multiple songs which sound almost identical to previously

existing songs from other artists. Others share they believe the album feels rushed, making note to mention the heavy drop in Swift’s creative and deep lyricism. For example, the song “Actually Romantic” includes a riff which is extremely similar to one found in “Where is my Mind?” by The Pixies.

Additionally, “Wood” holds a melody which is almost exactly the same as “I Want You Back” by Jackson 5, however sources have claimed Swift had received permission to sample these songs and use them for her tracks.

As for the lyricism, many mention the difference in Swift’s writing from her previous album, “The Tortured Poets Department” to “The Life of a Showgirl.” Lyrics from TTPD include, “When your impressionist paintings of heaven turned out to be fakes,” from “lomi” and “I changed into goddesses, villains and fools, changed plans and lovers, and outfits and rules, all to outrun my desertion of you” from “Chloe or Sam or Sophia or Marcus,” while lyrics from TLOAS include, “So we all dressed up as wolves and we

looked fire,” from “Eldest Daughter” and “I protect the family, leave it with me, I protect the family, leave it with me” from “Father Figure.” The clear difference in Swift’s lyrics have disappointed many fans, feeling as if she lacked effort to continue her usual writing they admire her for. Yet, not all rankings of this album are negative.

Despite the album holding problematic characteristics, the album is also receiving admiration for its fun instrumentals and playful songs. For example, “Opalite” seems to be one of the fan favorites, appreciated for its upbeat melody and confidence-boosting lyrics, such as, “You were dancing through the lightning strikes,” and “You had to make your own sunshine, but now the sky is opalite.” As for “The Fate of Ophelia,” the love song is enjoyed due to its fun, happy lyrics.

Overall, it is clear to tell that Swift is at a

much happier point in her life than she was for her previous albums, bringing out a new style of writing in her music, which should get credit.

TLOAS is available to stream on Spotify, Pandora, Apple Music, and many more streaming services, so if you have time, go give it a chance and get your own opinions on the album, and you may just discover some new favorites.

