



# The Gator Data

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## Lady Gators end three-year playoff drought, face St. Joseph's in round two

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On November 5, the Lady Gators played in the first round of the playoffs at the Gold Dome against Parkway, their first home playoff game since the 2022 season. The Gators swept the Panthers in three sets. The last time that the Lady Gators went to the second round playoffs was three years ago in 2022, and now they have ended the drought. The last time the Lady Gators appeared in the quarterfinals was 2019.

Senior Ryleigh Blanchard says that it feels great to finally end the drought of getting a playoff win. "I think our energy and vibe were definitely there," added senior Khayren Josey. The team also credits the energy of the home crowd as one of the main reasons for their dominant performance. "We fed off the crowd," Blanchard said. "It

was the most interactive crowd we've had all season."

The team heads to St. Joseph's on Friday, November 7, to play in the second round. "They're definitely going to be a tougher game; they were our first game of the season, and we

unfortunately lost," Blanchard said. Josey added, "We definitely have a lot of faith in the team right now." They say that since the last game, the team has improved in personal performances and as a team. We wish the Lady Gators luck in their next game against St. Joseph's Academy.



## Gators survive Halloween homestand against visiting 'Canes

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On October 31, the St Amant Gators continued their regular-season winning ways with a 49-24 win over the Prairieville Hurricanes. Prairieville started the game off with a 36-yard touchdown and an incomplete pass on a two-point conversion for an early 6-0 lead. The Gators responded with a five-minute, 62-yard drive capped off with a two-yard score from Junior running back Jourden Hickerson to take a 7-6 lead to close out the opening quarter.

The Hurricanes opened the second quarter with another rushing touchdown after a two-minute drive. Their second point attempt was successful, and gave the visiting team a 14-7 lead. The Gator offense responded with another score of their own, a six-yard rushing score from Senior quarterback Cooper Babin to tie the game 14-14 with just under four minutes left in the half. PVHS ate up the remaining time and successfully kicked a 31-yard field goal, the only of the night, to take a 17-14 lead at the half after four lead changes.

The Gators decided to put their foot on the gas pedal in the second half and began with Hickerson running up the middle for a nine-yard touchdown, followed by Babin running left for a one-yard touchdown to retake and extend the Gator lead 28-17.



The Hurricanes, in an attempt to close the scoring gap, ran through the middle for an 11-yard gain touchdown, which closed the third quarter with a 28-24 STA lead. The final quarter of the night again started strong with Hickerson receiving a three-yard pass and a touchdown from Babin for a 35-24 lead. Senior Jermichael Millien then ran wide left for a 10-yard touchdown, and another good kick from LeBlanc, 42-24. The final play of the night was a five-yard pass from Babin to senior Riley Rizzuto, bringing the score to a final 49-24. The STA defense was dominant to close the game. "The defense did a great job of containing the quarterback," said head coach David Oliver. "He was a very dangerous runner. I thought that defensive linemen Jeremy Whatley and Kyler Rock had a great game. Offensively, we had a few mere mistakes. It's unlike us to turn the ball over, but we were able to overturn that in the second half." Gator Nation is excited to see how the next final few games go, with Coach Oliver stating their game plan remains as strong as ever. The Gators will travel to take on district rival Denham Springs on November 7 to close

out the regular season and then prepare for their playoff push. We are going to attempt to control the tempo of the game," Oliver added. "We will try to get the big play downs on third and fourth down, control the football, and win."

# Once a Gator, always a Gator: New teacher Jennifer Baumann

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St. Amant Alumni Mrs. Jennifer Baumann is an Agriculture 1 teacher, making the secret hallway her new home for this school year, with many to come. She and her husband run and operate a fertilizer business, which focuses on worm casting. She also enjoys going to church to worship.

Mrs. Baumann teaches Agriculture; she mostly teaches freshmen and sophomores. She is currently educating her students in Agribusiness, Agriscience, along with some Agricultural Mechanics, near the end of the semester. "I actually went through this program as a freshman in high school," she said. Mr. Ray Mayers was the Agriculture culture teacher who helped Mrs. Baumann embrace her love for speaking and her love for agriculture.

Mrs. Baumann was a St. Amant student who once lived directly down the street from the school she now instructs at. Before returning to STA, Mrs. Baumann was a para at Live Oak last year. She also taught at Paul Mitchell, and she has her cosmetology license, which she has practiced for the past 10 years.

At the beginning of her educator career, Mrs. Baumann said in the first few days she was "Super nervous." Being responsible for students and having to feed expecting students valuable information while providing students with a memorable experience can be quite the challenge. Mrs. Baumann hopes to enrich her students, knowing that these experiences will leave her students encouraging others to join.

She had gotten used to the differing personalities, and she created a healthy and inclusive space for her students, giving them boundless knowledge when it comes to agriculture, public speaking, and many other skills that are pivotal even after high school.



## FFA attends national meeting

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St. Amant FFA club attended their first annual competition of the 2025 year this past week. The group competed against nine other FFA chapters such as people from Indiana and Alabama and among those nine other chapters STA won first place in the Building Communities competi, and received the 3 Star National Chapter Award.

The national FFA convention marks the end of the season for FFA. The event brings together thousands of students from across the country to celebrate achievements and compete in various categories that demonstrate community services and agriculture skills.

FFA students participated in the national chapter award competition, where the group received two major awards and were ranked as a three-star-chapter, the highest rating an FFA chapter can earn. This placed the students within the top 10 percent of chapters in the nation. One of the program's recognized activities was Building Coastal Restoration Heroes, which helped them stand out nationally. Because of this they earned the opportunity to compete against nine other top FFA chapters across the country. The students were also picked for strong performance in the Building Community divisions, finishing among top ten FFA chapters overall and winning the Building Communities chapter for the entire nation.

## NJROTC Shoots their way to the Top

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On November 1, 2025, the Gators of NJROTC traveled to Southern University to participate in the Air Rifle Competition. They placed third overall in the Sporter Class with a total team score of 987. The Gators went up against many schools, one in particular being Pascagoula High School who has won Regionals multiple times. Pascagoula came in both first and second with their two teams, and the Gators followed in third. Miles Bates had the highest prone score which made him stand out in this competition.

An Air Rifle Competition consists of competitors using military style rifles to show off their marksmanship skills. There are three positions that are used in this competition such as standing, kneeling and prone. The prone position is laying down which gives the person more control when using the rifle.

"We keep on getting better and better and I think other schools are noticing," Lieutenant Commander Bates says. In the first competition that St. Amant hosted, The Jambalaya Cup, the total team score was a 720 and then last year the Gators finished with a score of 969 which is a huge improvement. "This year our goal was to hit a thousand, and we were just 13 points from hitting it at Southern," Lieutenant Commander Bates stated. Overall, the competition this past weekend went "really well" and there were "definitely improvements across the board".

# Lady Gators leap into the 2025-26 season

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The Lady Gator Basketball team is nearing the end of their pre-season and is about to start their 2025-26 season. On November 18, the Lady Gators have their first regular-season game against Ponchatoula at the Gold Dome, JV starting at 5:30 P.M., and Varsity follows.

Coach Betsey Baldwin is excited about the upcoming season and thinks that the team gets better every day, and wants to show it at the games. Coach B is expecting the team to perform every day like it's the most important day. Some goals that Coach B has in mind are trying to focus on getting better and doing the best they can. Their theme is "No Excuses".

There are three returning seniors: Kylan Ceballos-Rivera, Jessika Graham, and Brittney Green. Coach B was able to coach them at the middle school level and is excited to see them perform on the court this year. Senior Kylan Ceballos-Rivera says she is excited about this upcoming season and, "we're really close as a team, of course, we want to win games, but it will just be a fun experience for everybody playing together". Senior Jessika Graham is super excited for this season. She is excited to start for her team and see how they perform this season. Graham says, "I'm a senior this year, and I feel like there is a new role in leadership with being a senior." Graham said everyone waits for their senior season, and it's finally here. Ceballos-Rivera and Graham both comment on how the team has a lot of young girls and how they are excited to see how they will grow and step up.

This season is looking to be a good season for the Lady Gators; everyone is excited and is ready to see how the team will grow. Coach B states, "I think the team shines in their effort. We had our first scrimmages against Holden, and we played just 100% all-out effort and toughness, and that's what I'm looking forward to this year."



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# St. Amant Boys Basketball prepares for victory in upcoming season

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St. Amant High's Basketball Team is preparing for its upcoming season. On November 13, 2026, St. Amant Basketball will host its season-opening home jamboree, where the Boys will take on St. Charles Catholic at 8:00 p.m.

Following this, the Gators will compete in their first official game on November 24, 2026. Currently, the team puts effort in weekly through weight lifting and daily practice to ensure a remarkable season. "We feel really confident for the upcoming season," senior Evan Rapp says. "We are working hard at practice every day." Coach Travis Uzee also shares his



confidence. "We are very excited... we think we can win some games, but also it is just going to be a great ride with a really good group of kids."

As of now, the only concern the team faces is health, and the possibility of injuries. "Health is always a concern; you want kids to be healthy all year round," Uzee says.

Despite this, the Gators are still motivated and ready.

"The real feeling for them and us is just pure excitement," Uzee adds. "We are ready to get going and have some fun, and really try to make this team a memorable one." Make sure to go out and support the Gators for their upcoming games, and best of luck to the team!