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St. Amant Anglers have had a REEL good start to their season

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The St. Amant fishing club currently has 13 teams competing at various locations, all a part of the Louisiana Youth Bass Fishing League. St. Amant faces an average of about 200 boats per tournament, each containing two teammates.

St. Amant's fishing club is one of the top bass clubs at the high school level, winning the state championship two years ago and placing in the top five at every tournament thus far. Even though it is difficult to make predictions, three boats have already qualified for state, and last year, the club had four. Meaning they have almost reached the past number, and they still have 12 tournaments left. Mr. Baker anticipates five to six teams



competing for the state. This approximation gives hope for the state championship because the more teams you have, the better chance you have against your opponents.

The fishing club is more prepared than ever before because the championship is being held in Morgan City. The students know that area very well, and it is a place they

go to on weekends. This means the area will be easier to scout leading up to the tournament. Overall, Mr. Baker believes they could place top five this year at State.

One of the unique parts of fishing competitively is the different classifications they can get scored for. Mr. Baker says, "You're fishing against schools, boats, and your own teammate." For the school classification, each school turns in their top three heaviest bags, boats are the top five heaviest fish, and for individuals, it's the biggest bass caught.

Another interesting part of the

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St. Amant band places third at state competition

On November 4 the St. Amant band performed for the LMEA, the Louisiana Music Educators Association, who hosts a state championship competition. The band performed against 14 other bands from around the state and overall placed third.

Band director Andrew Graham had a very good feeling about the competition before performing. "Going in we felt very good. We've had an incredible season. The students have been working hard and have been just bought in on the show from day one in the summer. We had a previous competition on Saturday where we came out first, ahead of the reigning state champ. So we felt very good," said Mr. Graham.

The band students were nervous yet confident about the performance before the show. Senior Lucas Freeman was very prepared to perform saying "before I got on the field I was very confident, I was aspiring to win. I honestly thought we really had that show locked down. We beat the defending state champion at competition that Saturday and I honestly thought we had it in the bag."

After the performance the band felt very good about it with junior Hunter Deroche stating "I definitely thought we had it, we had a couple mistakes but not

everybody's perfect. It was the best performance we ever had in my opinion and even the band directors thought that this was not just the best performance this year but one of the best performances this school has ever had."

Reflecting on the performance, band director Joseph Nassar was very proud of it and all the hard work put into it. "I was

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The Gators hustle to the playoffs against Ouachita

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The 19th-seeded St Amant Gators are kicking off the playoffs against the 14th-seeded Ouachita Parish. To succeed, Coach David Oliver mentions the Gators are highlighting their need, “to attempt to control the tempo of the game,” along with “trying to get the big play downs on third and fourth down, control the football, and win.” The Victor then becomes the “favorite”; the Gators' win would place them in the second round against three-seeded Destrehan.



Kindness breaks out on STA bus

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Recently, St. Amant High bus driver, Ms. Shari Sevario, witnessed an amazing act of kindness between three students on her bus.

Junior, Jayven Smith, who tore his ACL at the beginning of the football season, has been on crutches ever since his injury and had surgery a short time ago. Despite the difficulty, Smith was shown kindness from two St. Amant High students, Freshman Beaux Guedry and Junior Gary Nelson, who began getting off the bus in the afternoon, dropping their bags off, and then picking up a golf cart, which they use to pick Smith up from the bus stop and bring him home. “It made me feel special...it gave me more

confidence. They are good people,” Smith said. Ms. Shari added on to the praise, “These days most people seem to only be worried about themselves. But when Jayven Smith tore his ACL back in August, it really touched my heart to see Beaux and Gary helping Jayven every day getting to and from his bus stop and they continue to help him every day. I think it is important that they know their act of kindness has not gone unnoticed.”



Student Council helps clean up around STA

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Student Council worked together with Key Club and the Environmental Science Club on Saturday, November 8 from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. to beautify the STA campus by picking up trash and cleaning in various common areas around campus, such as the courtyards, black parking lot, and bus lanes.



New teacher spotlight : Brandy Ortego

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New Teacher Mrs. Brandy Ortego teaches Intro to Health Occupations, and in the spring semester, she will teach Emergency Medical Responders as well. Mrs. Ortego is very passionate about Healthcare and loves to get her students excited to learn about it. She is very happy to see how much her students are interacting and enjoying her class.

In Mrs. Ortego's class, students get to do a lot of hands-on activities. Recently, her students did a hands-on activity where they had a black light put on their hands to show how dirty they were. Not only that, Mrs. Ortego has many guest speakers from different health careers come in to share what they do. "

Mrs. Ortego started off her journey by going to multiple colleges and actually got her associate's degree in business until she moved back to Louisiana, where she went to nursing school at Baton Rouge General and became a nurse by trade. “I used to think that I wanted to be a first-grade teacher, and then somewhere down the line I went down the health route, so when this opportunity came along, it just felt right to take it.”



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super proud of the band this year and all the students and staff that worked with us to make it happen and I couldn't be more proud of them and the work they've done," said Mr. Nassar.

After hearing the band placed third the performers were upset but knew they gave it their all. Senior Lucas Severio, reflecting on his final band show, stated "it didn't really

matter whether we got first, second, or third. I was just really appreciative about what I was brought into and the opportunities I was given to perform. So honestly, the opinions and the scores are in the eyes of the beholder. You can't really change what other people think. At the end of the day you just got to perform the best you can."

With the state competition the

band has closed out their marching season and is now going into their concert season. "Now we're transitioning into our concert program, which I have no doubt it's going to continue to be elite and considered to be the strongest concert program in the state. I'm really excited and proud and looking forward to the future," said Mr. Nassar.

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fishing club that many people are not aware of is the different conditions that can affect the amount of fish caught. Mr. Baker explains that "Moons, tides, weather, temperature, and seasons affect fish and set fishing apart from other sports." In sports like basketball and football, you know the opponent and their tendencies, but for fishing, you are against an animal, which makes predicting outcomes of each tournament difficult. Most of the time, the students are fishing at locations they have never been to before, making each tournament different from the others, and making scouting a crucial step.

Most tournaments follow a similar schedule. Including the day before the tournament being reserved for scouting locations, then arriving the next morning for check-in, boat dismissing, return, inspection, and then weigh-in. After each tournament weigh-in, the students release the fish back to where they were. Mr. Baker says, "Conservation is the

number one rule." They want to fish to be alive and healthy so they can be caught again in the future. He believes that this is a very important step for a sport like fishing that he wants his students to understand and follow through with.

Fishing is a very expensive sport and is a huge investment. Each team needs a boat, supplies, tackle, lodging and fuel. This costs over \$50,000 every year for the fishing club. This is why the fishing club is very involved in fundraising. They do many competitions throughout the year, where they have to stay far away, which can add up quickly. Each student has a jersey with logos on it, with the different sponsors they have. These sponsors donate to the school, and the parents get reimbursed for the tournaments.

Mr. Baker encourages anyone interested in joining the fishing club who has fishing experience and all the necessary supplies to see him to sign up. Students can join at any time and can

compete in the spring at any of the 12 upcoming tournaments.

Lastly, Mr. Baker individually named students and teams that have stood out to him. This includes team Jerry Rouyea and Cade Fontenot, and team Jackson Gomez and Jake Folse. Rouyea and Fontenot competed at the national qualifier their freshman year and qualified for the national championship. Gomez and Folse are currently ranked 10th in the state. Lastly, Ethan Oubre also stands out for competing in the adult league and qualifying for the national championship this year and last.

Two teams recently placed top five on November 1 at the Manchac Tournament. The team of Jackson Gomez and Jake Folse placed second with a total weight of 10.99 pounds. Brae Babin and Mack Delaune placed fourth with a combined weight of 9.26 pounds.

St. Amant wants to congratulate their success so far and wish them good luck for the rest of their season.

The boys soccer team is optimistic for their upcoming season

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The boys soccer team is optimistic about their upcoming season. The first official game of the season is on Tuesday, November 18. This year's team is full of committed players who love the game making the upcoming season exciting. Preparing for the season, the boys do drills working on possession and connections.

The boys run "over the river" drills, where they work on their possessions and switching the field. Even just getting together helps the team connect and come together to have a really good season. A lot of the boys haven't really played together, so coming together helps form a better connection between the players that help show teamwork on the field. In last year's season the boys ran drills, like small scrimmages, to work on their connection.

The drills allowed for the JV players to learn from the varsity players and the varsity players connect better with each other. Everyone knew each other forming a bond that showed on the field and helped them have a smooth season last year taking them to the playoffs, where they beat EA, a slightly higher seed than STA, in round one. The team is looking forward to the upcoming season and feel they just need to work on their connections more.

They lost a lot of seniors last year, so the team has a newer feeling and the connection was lost, so they had to work on the connection again



November 18

this year. Wish the boys soccer team good luck as their season begins on

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NOV 19-20	7PM	STA COMMONS

Ask Allie



Dear Allie,

I'm a freshman at St. Amant High School, and my grades aren't where I want them to be. I'm really trying to improve them before the semester ends, but I don't know how. Is there anything that can help me?

Sincerely,

A Struggling Gator

Dear Struggling Gator,

There are many ways that you can get help in and out of school. One way you can get help in school is by asking your teachers for extra help and going during lunch to get additional help.

St. Amant also offers free tutoring for Freshmen, English in room 134 on Mondays, Math in room 128 on Wednesdays, and Biology in room 108 on Thursdays. Tutoring is from 2:45 to 3:45, and you can be picked up in front of the Freshman Academy. For upperclassmen, Algebra 2 and 3 will be held in room 501 on Monday, and in room 313 on Thursday, as well as Geometry on Mondays in room 605 and on Wednesdays in room 602. ACT tutoring is also held in room 105 every Monday.

You can also ask your classmates for extra help. Getting help from someone your own age can help you

better understand if you're struggling to understand what your teachers are trying to say. If you need extra help at home, you can always ask your parents. But you should always remember not to overwork yourself and to take a break when you are getting too stressed.

