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The Gators cheer into competition season

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The St. Amant Black Squad Cheerleaders competed in their first competition of the season on Sunday, November 16. The team finished second in the gameday division, which focuses more on how the team gets the crowd engaged and acts as if they are on the sideline during football, including things like fight song, band chants, and offense or defense cheers. The team also secured third place in the traditional division, which focuses more on the team's choreography and includes more challenging skills that they wouldn't use in gameday.

Senior Amelia Duplessis says, "I think it went really well considering that it's our first competition of the season, and a lot of other teams already competed way before us." The team performed in many ways,



"We did really well in gameday, and our crowd effectiveness and our motions, our props, and one man's," Senior Reagan Bihm commented.

The team has four competitions remaining, including nationals, which is hosted in Orlando, Florida, at Disney World in February. The team has been working all year on preparing the different routines and improving their skills.

"I'm most excited about getting a bid in both of our routines and hitting zero,"

Senior and co-captain Kyleigh Brigalia said. Both Bihm and Duplessis are excited for nationals and competing with their friends. Duplessis says, "I hope to see things being improved upon and the team working hard and always giving it their best, even at practice."

The squad's next competition is the Mahonia Regionals in Jacksonville, Mississippi, on December 7. We wish the team luck as they continue to cheer their way on through the season.

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Rho Kappa hosts events to honor Veterans

Last week, Rho Kappa hosted two events to honor and respect the individuals who have served in the U.S. armed forces. On Sunday, November 9, Rho Kappa participated in the Ascension Parish Veterans Day Parade and on Wednesday, November 12, the club held a flag retirement ceremony, where they properly disposed of old flags. "

The Veterans Day Parade had a very successful turnout with around 40 Rho Kappa members attending and participating in the parade. "I've been in the parade for several years now, and I knew it was a community event where no one showed up," said Mrs. Abbie Tucker. Mrs. Tucker is the Rho Kappa sponsor and a very active person in the community. Mrs. Tucker took the initiative to get more of the community to show up for the parade to honor those who served by signing Rho Kappa up to participate. With Rho Kappa's attendance and even East Ascension band participating in the parade, there was a noticeable increase in spectators coming to respect our veterans.

Rho Kappa also held a flag retirement ceremony last Wednesday at the VFW. Around 60 students, parents and faculty, including Mrs. Christina Carter and CDR Micah Kiletico, attended the ceremony. VFW Commander Joey Cernich, Quarter-master Brent Gautreau and Facilities Manager Adjutant Jared Nolan were also in attendance.



Mrs. Tucker has been wanting to host a flag retirement ceremony, so she took the initiative again to contact the VFW in order to have the ceremony. In order to have the ceremony, there are certain rules to properly and respectfully retire a flag. The first rule was that the flags could not be burned on the ground, so Mrs. Tucker built a large, off-the-ground, fire-pit. They also had to have the flags folded with the stars on top, walk up to the fire with their arms crossed across their chest and then throw the flag into the fire. After the flag was thrown into the fire, either a moment of silence, the sign of the cross, or a salute was done. Once the fire was done and all the flags were fully burned, they had to bury the ashes under the ground. All flags retired at this ceremony have been worn down and were no longer in use, the VFW had over 3500 flags that needed to be retired, and Rho Kappa and other attendees were able to retire 258 flags.

Mrs. Tucker hopes to keep the flag retirement as a part of the club and continue to increase the number of people attending these ceremonies. "I think it's really cool that I'm trying to expose kids to new opportunities and new ways to do community service that isn't just picking up trash," said Mrs. Tucker. Both events introduced students and community members to new ways they could be active in the community. Mrs. Tucker and Rho Kappa hope to continue finding ways to introduce fun and active community service to the community, as well as honoring those who served in the U.S. army.

Theatre I performs play "The Cast List"

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On November 19th and 20th the Theatre I class put on their performance of "The Cast List". The Cast List is about students waiting to get their cast list as chaos ensues with directors trying to combine Grease into Romeo and Juliet without getting sued, helicopter parents, hysterical prima donnas and much more.

Theatre teacher Heidi Frederic had a very good feeling about the show before its debut. "All of the students know their lines, they know their blocking, we have some great transitions. The set is set up as if they are preparing for a show so we've got kids on stage painting the set as the show is happening," said Mrs. Frederic.

The show was not directed by Mrs. Frederic and was directed by senior Ali Cunningham. "Something I like to do is have older theatre students direct beginning theatre students. The class picked this play but Ali has been directing it so she's been writing all the blocking and giving the notes." Mrs. Fred went on to compliment Ali as a director saying "It's been really fun watching Ali direct the students, she has an eye for it. The kids respond to her well and sometimes it's hard to tell your peers what to do but Ali is really good at framing her direction."

Cunningham had a lot of fun being able to direct a play for the first time. "It's really fun to get close with all these new people that I've never met before and teach them new things and see them really start to enjoy theater more than when they first came in," said Cunningham.

After the play the actors felt they did very well

"I think it went pretty good. The way Mrs. Fred organized us and auditioned us and her work with the class all worked out very well." said senior Jaxson Wiles reflecting on the performance.

Director Ali Cunningham was very happy with the performance "I didn't realize how cool it would be to see the product you'd been working on for weeks come to life. It was really fun and exciting to see the audience's reactions to it."



The Gators of NJROTC make their way to Second Place

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The Gators of NJROTC attended another Drill Meet on November 8, 2025 at Tulane University in New Orleans. Overall out of twelve schools, they placed Second and brought home six trophies. Patrick Langlois stood out in this meet because he came out on top in the Knockout competition which is similar to the game Simon Says but in a Military style. "He beat everybody there out of 300 cadets," according to Commander Micah Kiletico.

From the last meet, both the Armed and Unarmed expedition teams grew in size from a 9 person team to a 12 person team. "Precision has gotten better and Athletics were also surprising in a good way," Commander Kiletico states. The

Gators placed third in their previous drill meet and worked hard to secure the second place trophy in this competition only to the National Champions.



STA grapples into the new wrestling season

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As the new wrestling season starts, Coach Clint Brownell has begun to ensure that the St. Amant Wrestling team is in peak shape. The athletes have implemented 30-40 minutes of extensive training, harsh conditioning while maintaining a winner's mindset. Coach Clint says, "We are going over basic technique conditioning, and I'm making sure I'm really hard on them because I know that we have endless amounts of potential." The athletes have been doing great with their training and the maintenance of their physical and mental health.

In wrestling, it's you versus the opponent; it's tough, so the mindset is important. Clint says, "I tell my players that if you enter the match with a winning mindset, then winning the match is possible." The team is expected to be great, the coaches are hard on them, and the strength of the athletes. All of the St. Amant Gators wrestlers are great.

"The majority of our team is spectacular. I'm expecting big things out of these kids, both male and female wrestlers are phenomenal, overall I'm expecting to be placed in the top five convention."

Recently, the Gators dominated Catholic 6-0. St. Amant student Jonah Williams received a belt for his astounding performance during the match between Catholic. Be on the lookout for more from the dominating Gators.



OPINION: Keep St. Amant Beautiful

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The litter crisis on St Amant High School's campus is escalating, damaging our campus's essence and individuality. In many regions on the campus, proof of our problem is evident; food wrappers in gardens, plastic bottles from overflowing trash cans and even paper products from current classes. While each problem individually might not seem dire, with many throwing out numerous articles each day on school grounds, the problem can become extreme quickly.

Litter is not only unappealing to the eye, but it is also detrimental to the ecosystems in and around the school. With some places like the commons being overrun with trash, janitors are swamped. The excessive amount of waste produced by the student body suffocates plant life, steadily diminishing what others at school worked so hard to build and maintain. When plastic decomposes in the dirt and sunlight, greenhouse gases like methane and ethylene are emitted, speeding up other bigger issues like climate change. We can see this in real time with the flower pots being polluted with trash from concessions, along with milk and straws being left in the courtyard dirt.

Animals on campus also are being affected due to ingestion causing them to be poisoned by the chemicals our

trash emits. Additives like Bisphenol A (BPA), Phthalates and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), which are all used to make plastic more efficient, harm animals' reproductive systems. This unfortunate rise of microplastics in animals is causing a permanent slip in the diversity of our campus and everywhere around it, unless something is done now.

While little can be done to directly solve the issue that afflicts the planet, by putting forth effort, we can make an impact before the devastating effects take place on our own campus. With some not even noticing the ongoing issue, those who do have to step up and play the part for others. Doing simple tasks like picking up your own trash, throwing out less, and using reusable materials allows for this issue to be efficiently diminished.

For this issue to even remotely end, the lack of ownership of such trash must be addressed. With many assuming that the trash is not theirs, it prompts people to overlook it instead of taking a brief moment to clean it up. However, even if the trash does not belong to a person, that does not mean that it should just be left to harm. By creating a sense of responsibility on campus and including public education of the negative effects presented, we could be able to see a drop in the production and disposal of litter from the student body.



STA CC runners compete at State STAFF REPORT

On Monday, November 17 the Girls Cross Country team competed in the Division I State Championship meet in Natchitoches, LA.

Ella Willoughby finished in the Top 10 with an 8th place time of 18:43.33, her best time of the 4 years she has qualified for State. Her time should also place her on the Top 25 All-State Composite list for the 3rd year in a row.

Chloe Oubre placed in the Top 25% with a 42nd place time of 20:42.72. This the second year Chloe has qualified as an Individual and as a member of the team. This time is her best at the State Meet.

Macee Gore ran a season best time of 22:12.30 after coming off an injury that sidelined her for most of the season. This is her second year running at State.

Averie Foret tied her Personal Record of 23:19. This also her second year running at State.

Rounding out the team for 15th place in the team scores were Jakariah Roundtree with a time of 26:32.99, Kennedy Moody with a time of 26:44.59, and Savhanna Miller with a time of 27:17.58 (also her 2nd year running at State).

Alternates for the team were Maria Rivas Gomez, Sophie VanMetre, and Juliana Baldasare, Skyler Kelly, and Katelin Day were also registered as alternates though both had season ending injuries at the last regular race.



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