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Malcolm Reed: Key factor in the development of African American History

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African American History is a course that covers the rich history of African Americans in the U.S. It teaches the students about precolonial Africa, slavery, mass migration, the fight for freedom, and cultural contributions like music, art, and literature, and helps students understand how African Americans shaped the United States today.

Malcolm Reed works hard to help improve the course and has made numerous contributions to its development, including working with other professionals from around the country and contributed to an updated textbook for the course. Specifically, Mr. Reed recently worked with the descendent of Homer Plessy of the Plessy v. Ferguson case. Back in 2022, when the class was first developed, Reed was chosen to be a consultant on the College Board in Washington, D.C., and happened to be one of the first to be trained to teach African American History. He was also invited to teach other teachers in the future. Through this opportunity, he was able to work with tons of people in the country through virtual and in-person workshops. Reed says, "Because I'm consistently in the process of learning new strategies and trying to help other teachers, it forces me to stay on top of



my game, and that's how I have been able to continue to improve my teaching of the course." He has also had opportunities to work with publishing companies, such as McGraw-Hill and Piper Content, to write test questions for textbooks. When working with McGraw-Hill, Reed co-authored the teacher manual and consulted with the editors about what works and what doesn't in the classroom. He also provided information about things that teachers may want to

consider when introducing the students to certain topics.

Malcolm Reed's passion for African American history began when he was just a kid, watching the movie "Glory" with his dad. After seeing the outcome of the Civil War, Reed was initially disappointed that the South had lost, until his dad reminded him of the significance of the North's victory. Out of curiosity, Reed took it upon himself to educate himself about history and fell in love with it. During school, Social Studies was his favorite class, and Reed found himself reading textbooks about history in his free time. Reed has also mentioned that he was named after Malcolm X and that his dad "was kinda planting the seeds all of the time." He wants people to know that "The more we know about people and their history, the more we can connect and create unity. It could save the world."

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Tennis is preparing to hit off the 2026 season

The tennis team started preparation for the upcoming 2026 season. Tennis Coach Mia Smith says, "I think we're going to have a good season... I'm feeling hopeful for our top girl groups. I think our boys' singles will be pretty strong with Braydon King; he's going to be the number one boy." Coach Smith comments that the boys, Beau Estes, Noah Templet, Luke Rachal, and Grant Wells, will all perform well this season. As well as the girls, Alva Bergander, Allie Jeavons, and Lila Robinson. There are also some new additions to the team that Coach Smith thinks will play competitively and do well. There are many players the team hopes will make it to regionals and state.

Senior Allie Jeavons, a four-year member of the tennis team, is very excited for this upcoming season. This year, the team is trying to make it to the state. "Everybody

is working really hard by just practicing all the time." The team has also been practicing by being aware of everything that is happening on the court, so they will be able to



defend as many points as possible. "Once the matches start, we get really close, and everybody is super supportive," Jeavons says. The team supports each other by watching each other play and cheering them on after their matches. Jeavons is excited about getting close to the team this season.

Senior Lila Robinson, a three-year member of the team, says she is feeling good about this season. "I'm looking forward to my senior season, spending time doing it honestly because, like tennis, it is just so much fun, especially when you do it with people you like. The time goes by really fast, I just don't want my

senior season to be over." Over the summer, Robinson and her doubles partner Jeavons took lessons over the summer to help prepare for their senior season.

We wish the tennis team good luck on their upcoming season! Geaux Gators!

Lady Gator soccer starts season with 7-0-2 record

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The Lady Gator soccer team kicks off the new season with a 7-0-2 record. The girls are having an amazing start to the new season and are currently ranked at number five in the state. The girls are preparing for a tournament this upcoming weekend.

In practice, the team focuses on weaknesses that were seen on the field in previous games. Depending on what was a struggle determines the main focus of their practice. They also look at things that were successful in the game to make sure it stays consistent and follows into the next game. The girls go over the drills from practice during game time as well to make sure they have the strategies down to improve their play from previous games. The girls find that how they perform at practice is how they will play on the field during game time, so the girls make sure to work hard no matter what.

Due to loss of many seniors last year, the team had to rebuild their defensive line. "The freshman really helped us to build the back line and really helped us get to where we are today" said senior Brylee Debate. Debate praises the freshman as they



come in to a new team and immediately click with the rest of team to build a strong dynamic on the field to help push the girls to their amazing record so far this season.

To continue improving their stats, the girls use their wins as a way to push themselves to work hard during games. "We have six wins and undefeated so I think just keeping that streak up and wanting to be better than we were before" said Debate on what motivates the team. Debate also mentions how as a senior, it is important to her to take it all in and push herself to work hard and to use what she does in practice in games to get where she wants the team to be.

The girls are looking forward to the game against Dutchtown on January 14, 2026 and three days later their game against EA because while they are challenging and push the girls they also are able to have fun with the high competition between the rival schools. The team is also preparing for the St. Michael's game they will play this weekend in their upcoming tournament.

New teacher spotlight: Michelle Lewis

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New teacher Mrs. Michelle Lewis, teaches Agriculture 1 and Agriculture 2. Mrs Lewis has a passion for agriculture and says that it shows her true self. She enjoys watching her students gain knowledge about agriculture and gain new skills.

In Mrs. Lewis's class, students participate in many hands-on activities, including hydroponics, gardening, and working with animals. In Agriculture 1, the students are focused on general knowledge of animal science, agricultural mechanics, and conservation of resources. They also receive two certifications from this course. In Agriculture 2, the students dive deeper into



agriculture business, economic impacts, and large-scale operations, including an opportunity to receive a plant science certification. Mrs. Lewis currently has a Master's degree in educational leadership and is working towards a doctorate at Southeastern. Mrs. Lewis gained her love for teaching by tutoring in college. She became a first-grade teacher where her students were mentored by students in an Agriculture class. When an agriculture position opened up, she took it. Mrs. Lewis's favorite part about teaching at St. Amant so

far is how passionate her students are about their future and how hard they work for it. She believes that when her students are working towards their goals, she has accomplished something as well.

Gators successful in annual Gold Dome Classic

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On Thursday, 4, St. Amant hosted the annual Gold Dome Classic. The Gold Dome Classic is an event held at St. Amant's very own gold dome. Teams participate in a series of basketball games that span four days.

St. Amant Basketball coach Travis Uzee says, "I believe that the teams that come to play every year are great and competitive. The tournament is held earlier in the season, so it gives us an idea of what to look forward to as the year progresses." The tournament is not only a fun and friendly competition, but it also presents an opportunity for coaches and players to understand what has been done well and what needs additional practice.

This year, the Gators have won against three teams. The St. Amant Gators battled against Parkway, Ponchatoula, and H.L. Bourgeois. The Gators won against Parkway 90-64, Ponchatoula 71-36, and H.L. Bourgeois 77-66. Leaving them at 3-0, a feat that has not been

achieved in a long time, this demonstrates the progression the basketball team has made this season. Travis Uzee says, "It's been our first time in a while since we won all three games, it's about having fun and putting our skills to the test."



This year, leaving them at 3-0, demonstrates the progression the basketball team has made this season. Senior Chandler Keller says, "A lot of basketball is being played, and there are back-to-back games. The Gold Dome Classic isn't just about winning, it's about endurance."

Every game counts, though there is no bracket; there is no said champion of the Gold Dome Classic, the

athletes are able to still have fun. "It's all about having fun and putting our skills to the test; it is impactful practice, and it gives us a foresight into how our basketball season will be." Says Uzee. The Gold Dome Classic is a popular and lively event that attracts those from all around the state. This four-day event gives teams opportunities to master their craft while also having fun. Good luck with the rest of your season, Gators!

A new era for St. Amant athletics

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St. Amant High is blazing a new trail, becoming the first school in Ascension Parish to introduce girls flag football. This initiative, spurred by the LHSAA's expansion of the sport after two successful years with the Saints organization, represents a significant opportunity for female athletes across Louisiana. Athletic Director David Oliver brought the idea to Darren Simoneaux, who, along with Joleigh Hartman, is committed to giving their girls this long-deserved opportunity.

The response was immediate and overwhelming, with over 85 girls signing up to try out. Tryouts are scheduled for Thursday, December 11, at 3:00 p.m. at the pit, and the coaches are keen to see who will fill the critical positions of quarterback, running back, and receiver. The goal is to select a team of 30 girls, with hopes that the program will eventually expand to

include both varsity and sub-varsity squads.

The opening season promises excitement and challenges. Although not yet fully sanctioned by official high school sports, the league features 47 teams across the state. The 8-week season, running from March to April, includes two games per week, ending in a playoff where the top 16 teams compete for a chance to play the semi-finals and finals in the Superdome. The first game is set for March 9 against Broadmoor High. Travel is a necessity to face nearby teams like Litcher and East St. John, but the focus remains on building a lasting tradition at St. Amant High, demonstrating once



again that the school is at the forefront of new initiatives in the parish.

Boys Soccer continues their kickoff to the new season

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As the season continues, St. Amant boys soccer continues their hard work on the field during both practice and games. The boys have had a slow start to their season with a record of 2-3-1. The team is hoping to use future games to work towards a better record.

The slow start of the season started with a loss to the number 10 team, Foutainebleau, but followed that loss with a tie against Lutchter. The boys took the adrenaline from the game before to push through and beat Riverside Academy. The team then went to Hahnville, where they were faced with a loss. However, they once again came back after winning their game with Ponchatoula. The team made their way to a few other schools, facing loss. Despite this, the team plans to remain resilient. "The next couple of games are going to be rough, we're playing lots of very good teams so we're going to be preparing on refining our strategy and establishing a clear game plan so we can move forward" Senior Mark Carter says.

The boys continue their efforts, preparing for their upcoming game at East Ascension on December 22, putting focus on both physical and mental skill along with team bonding. "We could really work on team encouragement, and keeping calm when we are frustrated or under pressure." Carter says. "The team is proud of some of our younger guys who have really stepped up to the plate this year and have risen to help."

While the Gators continue to play, be sure to support them and show up to the games. Good luck to the team on the rest of their season.



Lady Gators strive to keep up

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The St. Amant Gators girls' basketball team started its season on November 18 with a 64-62 win against the Green Waves of Ponchatoula High. Shortly after, the Gators suffered their first loss, 41-62, to the Destrehan Wildcats. Then, in a tournament at St. Thomas More, the Lady Gators attempted to secure a win against both the Archbishop Chapelle Chipmunks and the St. Thomas More Cougars; however, neither was

successful. Despite the odds, at another St Amant home game, the Gators managed to ensure a 70-20 win against the Assumption Mustangs. Even so, in a game against the Parkview Baptist Eagles, the Gators unfortunately suffered another loss, 43-61. Be that as it may, the Lady Gators remain optimistic and will continue to work hard for a turnaround for the rest of the season and upcoming games.



Opinion : Super Bowl LX prediction

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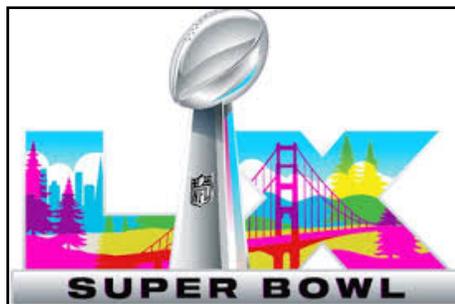
With Super Bowl LX coming up in February, everyone is hoping that their team will make it into the playoffs. However, only 14 teams can make it in, seven from the NFC and seven from the AFC. Out of these 14 teams, the Los Angeles Rams and the Denver Broncos are on top of their game and should be considered this year's Super Bowl contender.

In the National Football Conference, or the NFC, current playoff contenders are the Los Angeles Rams, Green Bay Packers, Philadelphia Eagles, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Seattle Seahawks, San Francisco 49ers, and the Chicago Bears. The Rams have a great offense and defense allowing them to become the number one seed for the Playoffs currently. They have a 10-3 record, winning against multiple teams that are in the playoff bracket. Matthew Stafford, the Ram's Quarterback, has a total of 3354 passing yards which means that Offensive Line has the ability to protect him and allow him time to throw the ball. To add on, Puka has gained a total of 1186 yards which puts him in the Top Three Receivers in the league. Knowing these stats, the Rams are definitely a Super Bowl contender for this 2025 season.

In the American Football Conference, or the AFC, current playoff contenders include the Denver Broncos, New England Patriots, Jacksonville Jaguars, Pittsburgh

Steelers, Los Angeles Chargers, Buffalo Bills, and the Houston Texans. Out of these seven teams, the team most likely to get to the Super Bowl will be the Denver Broncos due to the fact that they are currently the number one seed in the Playoff bracket and have a record of 11-2. Their defense has put in all their effort this season to keep opponents from scoring. Bo Nix, the Broncos Quarterback, has a total of 2954 passing yards and Courtland Sutton, their Wide Receiver, has only 773 receiving yards. This seems to suggest that the Broncos Offensive Line does need some work in protecting Nix and getting him more time to get the ball down the field. However, the Broncos have one of the best O-lines in the league, the main problem that could be happening is the offensive scheming and that Nix makes more short passes rather than deep throws. In the end, when a game is close to finishing they do what they need to do to secure a win making them Super Bowl contenders for the AFC.

Between the Rams offense and the Broncos defense this game has the potential to be really tough. But, with Stafford's ability to get the ball down the field to his receivers and even pass it to his Running Back, Kyren Williams, they have the capability to keep a lead over the Broncos. Although the Broncos have a strong defense, the Rams will more than likely secure the win in Super Bowl LX.



The most wonderful time of the year

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Christmas time is one of the most magical times of the year, and people around the world celebrate in many different ways. Whether it is cultural traditions like picnics on Christmas Day in South Africa or hiding a broom on Christmas Eve in Norway to keep the Witches away. Even people who don't celebrate Christmas but do celebrate other holidays, like Hanukkah, still have unique traditions, like lighting the menorah for eight nights.

A lot of the Christmas magic comes from Santa Claus and the elves. The origin of Santa Claus can be traced back hundreds of years to a monk named St. Nicholas, who lived in what is now Turkey. People believed that St. Nicholas gave all of his inherited wealth to the poor and sick. Over many years, St. Nicholas became increasingly popular, and after his death, people began celebrating his feast day on December 6 to remember him and the day he died. Over the years, he became popular worldwide and made his first appearance in America in the late 18th century.

During this time of year, many family and friends get together to celebrate by watching movies or exchanging presents. One popular Christmas movie is "Elf". Elf is about a

human boy raised by elves in the North Pole, but travels to New York to find and meet his father. Another movie is "The Polar Express," which is about a boy who is skeptical about Santa and rides a magical train to the North Pole and sees him. Also, family and friends get together to exchange gifts. A popular way

they exchange gifts is through a game called Secret Santa. To play, you write down everyone's names and put them in a hat, and then everyone picks a name that is not theirs, and they buy them a gift. Then the group gets together later in the month, exchanges gifts, and sees who everyone got. Another popular game that is played is White Elephant. A group of people gets together, and they bring a gift non-specific to anyone; these gifts can be funny or just something that everyone needs in their lives. Then they draw a number one through how many people they have in their group, and that's the order that they pick gifts. People can steal a gift from someone, and that person can go again, and the person who got

number one goes again at the very end to end the game off. There are many ways that Christmas is one of the most wonderful times and the year, but the best part is getting with the people you love and spending quality time with one another. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



STA FOOTBALL ALL TIME RECORD

COOPER BABIN

First at STA :
Throw for 2000+ yards & rush for 1000+ yards
11 game totals: 1125 yards rushing 21 rushing TD's
2422 yards passing 19 TD's
3553 yards of total offense 40 TD's

STA FOOTBALL ALL TIME RECORD

QB & K

RB'S & TE'S

WIDE RECEIVERS

OFFENSIVE LINE

GATOR OFFENSE

Total Offensive Yards in a Season:
4567
(456.7 yds a game) (old record 3967)

STA FOOTBALL ALL TIME RECORD

PAXTON LEBLANC

Most PAT (points after a touchdown) in a season:
53
(old record 49)

St. Amant students are getting into the Christmas spirit!

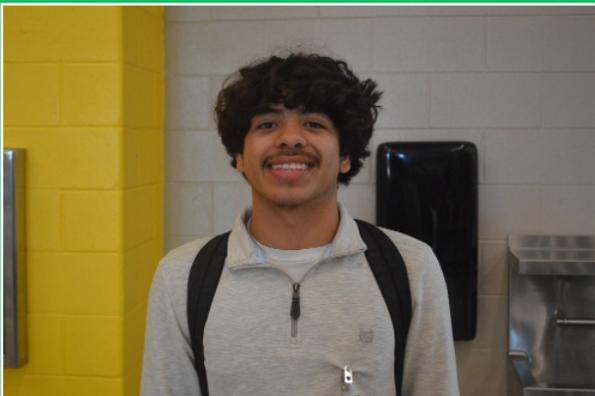


What is your favorite Christmas movie?

Senior Kylan Miano: "My favorite Christmas movie is Christmas Chronicles 2!"

Is Santa real?

Junior Maxx Scofield: "Obviously! I mean where are all the presents coming from? Somebody needs to set them and it's obviously Santa Clause."



What is your favorite Christmas food?

Junior Gustavo Gutierrez: "Mac and Cheese. It's gotta be the short noodles, nice and cheesy with a baked crust."

What is your favorite Christmas song?

Freshman Emerson Snyder: "Jingle bells, absolute classic!"

