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St. Amant baseball takes down D-Town

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On Tuesday, March 17, the Gator baseball team played against the Dutchtown Griffins at home and won four-two. The Gators had eight hits with four runs while the Griffins only had four hits and two runs.

The last time the Gator baseball team beat Dutchtown was during the 2023-24 season. "I feel good, there is a lot more to come," Junior Tucker Miller comments on the win after losing to the Griffins last year.

Senior Landon Blanchard says that they were not going to take Dutchtown as a weak opponent and the team was going to, "...just go out there, do everything we can, play baseball our way and come out with the win." Not only was this the Gators first district game but it was also against Head Coach Caleb Ricca's old team. Blanchard said that the team's game plan was to go out there and dominate. Miller says that last night's game was exciting because there's a rivalry between the two teams.

Miller pitched for the first six innings of the game and said, "I knew a bunch of those guys and knew that if I

just played the way I know I can it was going to be good." But during the seventh inning Blanchard took Miller's place. Miller says, "Landon Blanchard came in and shut them down. It was good." Not only did Blanchard pitch the last inning of the game, he also got four outs at shortstop and made it across home plate twice. He is

friends with a lot of the boys from Dutchtown and he was excited to be pitching against them but he was also nervous. Striking the last guy out felt good, Blanchard said.

The Gators played the Griffins again on Thursday, March 19, Miller says, "if we hit and play the game I know we can play, I think we'll be good. I think we can come out on top."

Blanchard says that an issue the team has had this year is putting the ball into play, "we just need to focus on putting the bat on the ball and seeing where it goes and what we can do with



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it."

The next district game is against Walker High on Tuesday, March 24, at Walker. We wish the team good luck as they play against the Wildcats!

Gatorettes Leap through Nationals

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Recently the St. Amant Dance team, the Gatorettes, attended Nationals in Orlando Florida performing at Disney World. The team had three group numbers, placing second overall in Poms and third overall in HipHop and Jazz. Along with these group numbers the team also competed with a solo by Cale Marchand which received third overall, and a duet featuring Sydnie Ezell and Marchand which took first overall. Overall, this team had a successful outcome in their competition and are extremely proud of their placements and dedication they had through their season.

Preparing for nationals was not easy for this team due to hard work they had to put in through rigorous long practices and connecting with team members. "Team bonding" Abigail Mitchell said was a way that the team prepared for nationals. Another way the team prepared was, "daily practices after school, usually for 3 hours," Nila Landry said, but the practicing did not stop there. The dancers were also "expected to go home and practice," Landry said, which consisted of watching videos of their dances looking over any notes or flaws that they were correcting. The team also had to tune out negative thoughts that they potentially could have had and fill their mind with, "positive thoughts," Mitchell said, which was hard due to the pressure that they were under but were successful in doing so.

Overall the group was excited about the high placement. "Everyone gave their best on the stage and

that's all that matters," Mitchell added. Going into nationals the team went in with "really positive attitudes and gave it our all which is all you could ever ask for," Landry said. Performing was intimidating though, being on stage competing with dances that they put their all in and spent so much time and work on gave the team many emotions while they were performing for their title.

Mitchell felt "calmness, happiness, sadness and mostly nervousness," which could be expected due to the pressure that they were under to receive the outcome they deserved. But, Landry said she felt a sense of "exhilaration" because she knew the work the team put into these performances gave her confidence while she was performing. The team did have their drawbacks that they believe they could improve on next year when they go back to compete. Their numerous practices did make them successful, but "Some days we got a lot of things done, and some days we didn't," Mitchell says they can improve on, Landry also agreed on this, pacing, she said would benefit them so they can ensure they have all of the time that they need. Though they were confident in their performances it was very challenging for them when, "watching other teams can be very discouraging," Mitchell said, seeing their competition they knew

what they were up against and what they had to live up to. This created the team to become nervous but they pushed through these negative feelings and were successful in their placements.

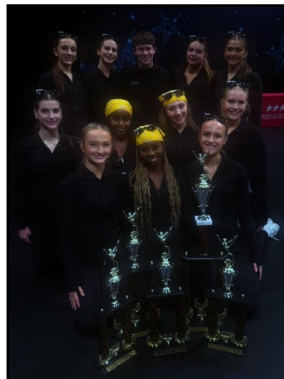


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Gators Welding team is going to State

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St. Amant High School's Welding team has been performing well at the recent competitions they have attended. The Welding team has been to three competitions. They were held February 11, February 23, and March 3. At the first competition, a practice one, the team placed first in their weld as well as the competition following that one. At the third competition, the state qualifying one, the team needed to place in the top four because they are area four in the district. Fortunately, the team, Brayden Gros and Lysander Lopez, placed second in the state qualifying competition that will be held next week in Baton Rouge.

For the welding competitions the teams, that consist of two people, are judged on a couple things. Not only are they judged on the quality of their V groove weld but also the root cast and caps welding specs height. A V groove weld is a butt joint technique where the edges of the two metal plates are beveled to form a V-shaped, cross section. These competitions are judged by certified welding inspectors from across the state. These are experts in the industry whose career is looking at welds making sure they meet the safety requirements and standards. Mrs. Delaune, the teacher of the welding class states, "It really does help prepare the kids for that next level

of the workforce". After the teams state qualifying competition Mrs. Delaune hopes to keep improving and working on their V groove weld to try to place as well as possible at state because the competition is tough.

Mrs. Delaune also stated that most kids that compete took her class their sophomore year and now take classes at ABC to continue their education in welding. These kids are far more advanced in their practice and have moved on to working on their pipe and TIG weld. The kids competing with the V groove are currently working on mastering their pipe and TIG welds. This helps them stay fresh and ready for their work in the real world.

A pipe weld is a specialized industrial process that involves joining two pipe sections together while a TIG weld is a precise arc welding process that uses non consumable tungsten electrodes to create high quality welds on metals like aluminum, stainless steel, and steel. Both of these welds require great amounts of education towards this industry and will allow these students to excel in the future.

Next week the Gators Welding team competes in Baton Rouge for their state competition and we wish them the best of luck!



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Gators represent St. Amant at Literary and Drama Rallies

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Literary rally is an event held every year, the district St. Amant is in, qualified students get the opportunity to travel to Nicholls for the event. Nicholls offers more than 46 literary events and a varying amount of open events which students are able to participate and challenge themselves. Student from St. Amant are nominated by their teachers to represent the school. Once the nomination is received students soon travel to their competition and the nominees take a test for about an hour. If the student scores high enough on the test in whatever subject the students have been acknowledged for, the opportunity to compete at the state's literary level is obtainable.

English Three educator Andrew Green nominated Junior Evan Euhus to represent for English Three, similarly to other teachers who qualified students to compete, Green believed that he selected the perfect candidate to represent St. Amant. Green says, "I thought he was the perfect fit, he understood a lot of the topics in English three and I knew he would represent the school well." He also says, "Evan ended up placing 2nd overall and he is now qualified to go to state, he was a great pick." Similarly Junior Gary Nelson was nominated for Algebra III. He understood the content within the course, and due to his deep knowledge of mathematics he was able to go to Nicholls and compete. Nelson says, "It was awesome, Nicholls did a good job at making it fun." He also says, "I would definitely be willing

to attend literary rally again, I love challenging myself and competing."

Literary rally is an opportunity for students to represent their school, these students are the best in their subject and literary rally is a chance for these students to be recognized for their dedication to their work. Green said, "I'm proud of the group of kids that have been nominated. They have done an amazing job and it's imperative that they are acknowledged for their dedication to their education." The results of who has made it so state will be released soon, continue being intelligent and diligent in academics and other moments in time.

Along with Literary Rally, the Gators were present for Drama Rally, which consists of a one act 20 minutes or shorter, or a short play. The play done this year was "Bully's Anonymous", performed by Jaci Thomas, Pheinyx Francis, Reya Cormier, Maddyson Simpson, Mercedes Lessard and Jolie Villenurve. This production followed four bullies -and counselor- experiencing a meeting to talk about why and how they cope with being a bully.

This competition is significant because it is one of the only ones available locally for thespians at St. Amant and it gives a rather key

experience for younger actors. These junior actors won first place in the competition. Along with that win, Jaci won best actress, Pheinyx won best supporting actor and Mercedes won best supporting actress. These gators will also be competing at Louisiana State University on April 12th for state. Good luck gators!



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Junior Anna Jusselin shares her experience in Equestrian

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Equestrian sports have been around for centuries, dating all the way back to 600 BC. As time went on, this sport gained more attraction and participants. Here at St. Amant Highschool, Junior Anna Jusselin is a part of this sport. In equestrian, there are two sections: English and Western. English riding consists of dressage, eventing, and show jumping. On the other hand, Western riding roots from American ranching which means this side has your typical cowboy and cowgirl. "I do English riding," Jusselin states, "but I don't know much about the other world."

In English riding, there are three disciplines: dressage, eventing, and show jumping. Dressage can often be referred to as "horse ballet" because the horse and rider perform detailed and precise movements in order to demonstrate obedience and training. Eventing can also be labeled as the equestrian triathlon since this includes doing dressage, cross-country and show jumping. Through these extensive disciplines the horse and rider must show good partnership and stamina. Lastly is show jumping which is what Jusselin competes in. This discipline is similar to what one would see in the Olympics. While going through a timed course, a rider and their horse must navigate their way through the obstacles without knocking any of them down meaning a rider must require speed and precision.

Jusselin has been a part of this sport since she was four years old. Her first time on a horse she was bucked off, but then was put back on to prevent her from having a bad experience. "Ever since then I have been obsessed," Jusselin states. She has two horses, one she just recently



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got named Pagoni, and a pony she has had for eleven years named Kenny. Being involved in equestrian has allowed her to become more responsible because, "you are not just caring for yourself, you are also caring for a living animal," she comments.

An average competition day for Jusselin starts early in the morning. In the equestrian world, they have a quote they use, "hurry up and wait" which means that they want riders on their horse ready to go plenty of time before competing to wait for the perfect time to go. Jusselin must get up early in the morning and head to her barn to make sure that her horse is clean and looking presentable. Next in the day would be to lunge which means to put the horse on a long lead and walk the courses with them in order for the horse to learn them. After learning her courses for the day, she goes to tack up her horse which entails putting all the equipment on. When it is time to compete, Anna and her horse enter the arena and do a few courses. Once they exit the arena, she will get her place.

Jusselin recommends this sport to any who is interested in horses or wanting to ride horses. In equestrian, one learns skills such as hand-eye coordination while also building strength. "You don't just sit there on the horse, you have to do a bunch of things," Jusselin says. Being in the world of equestrian can also cause one to learn more independence due to the fact that they must care for their horse themselves, since no one else is going to do it for them. Overall, Jusselin feels that, "people should get involved in it because it isn't just a regular day thing that we see in Louisiana".

NJROTC hosts Brain Brawl for the

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first time

On March 7, 2026 St. Amant NJROTC hosted its Brain Brawl competition for the first time and it's their second year attending. St. Amant's Team One placed second, and West Feliciana placed first and Brother Martin placed third. There were six different schools that attended with 10 teams competing.

The Brain Brawl is an academic competition that is a mix of family feud and jeopardy. The questions are based on naval science knowledge. There are also bonus questions that are based on anything, from current events to sports, pop culture, American history, geography, but mainly high school related knowledge. The team would receive a bonus question every time they got a regular trivia question correct.

There were teams of four that answered the normal questions and for the

bonus questions they could use anyone on the team to help get the point.

Junior Miles Bates said, "I think it went really well, we got second place and hosted a lot of schools. It was really good to connect us with a lot of other schools around us." Bates prepared by practicing the questions and studying a lot. And, Junior Jakob Bauer prepared by using a study guide. Commander Kiletico said, "It's a good way to teach academics, the students get self motivated and start teaching themselves, so they don't rely on the teacher to teach them. I just have to show them where the books are and they do the rest. You also build your teams to be strong in different things."

St. Amant NJROTC has been doing great in all of their competitions, we wish them luck in what comes next this year!

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Marchand is the only boy dancer in the Gatorettes which comes with a different experience and different feelings. "When you are the only one it adds eyes onto you," Marchand said. Marchand was very successful even though his added pressure he competed in not only the three group numbers, but competed in a winning duet and was the only solo that the Gatorettes competed with. Through his five performances Marchand said, "you have to prove yourself even more," and he definitely did. Marchand was very proud of his performances because of all of his hard work that he put into them, but he does look forward to continuing his time with the team and working on skills that he can improve on. Marchand does intend to dance out of school and has been through many competitions with his studio Center Stage, so competing with a solo was not out of the ordinary, and

Marchand said, "In my opinion both are difficult for different reasons," referring to his solo and group numbers. In his solo the pressure was different from the group numbers because in a solo alone the pressure is on you to make yourself proud. "In a solo I'm worried about looking my best for myself, and to be proud of myself," Marchand said. But competing with the group number is a different kind of pressure, "It's not just yourself that you can disappoint," Marchand said.

The Gatorettes put everything they had into their practices and performances and due to their work were successful, creating the team to feel proud of themselves. The team fought through many obstacles that they faced but overcame them. St. Amant is very proud of this team and is very happy on how the team represented the school through this competition.

Teachers outside of the classroom: Bakers Mr. Bray and Mrs. Wolf

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Teachers here on campus do not spend all of their time lesson planning or grading papers, most have separate hobbies they partake in to soothe and relax their busy minds. Teachers like Sean Bray and Katelynn Wolf took interest in baking to help relax themselves. "It just gives me a piece of mind, that's especially nice when your brain won't stop running," said Mrs. Wolf.

Mrs. Wolf's love for baking has been around for about 15 years and started because she has always enjoyed creating things. She even has other hobbies like crocheting, where she makes stuffed animals for her daughter or bags for herself and others, sometimes she even sells her work at markets. With her many years of experience, she has baked everything ranging from: scones for breakfast, her daughter's birthday cake and even macarons. As of now, her favorite treat to bake is macarons.

Mr. Bray has been baking for the last two or three years. His love for baking comes from a different interest,

making things for others. "I never really made it for myself, I made it for others," said Mr. Bray. He has always enjoyed making sweets, so one day the habit of doing it

started and people really enjoyed his baking. Mr. Bray does find baking to be relaxing, although sometimes it can get stressful, especially if it's something new. "You have a list of instructions and follow those instructions," said Mr. Bray on how he remains calm if he is trying something new. Mr. Bray's favorite thing he

has baked has been his scotch blue blondies.

Mr. Bray's love for giving to others goes so far that he will bring some of his baked goods for the teachers every Friday. Mrs. Wolf even sells or gives her baked goods to her friends and other people online. Mrs. Wolf and Mr. Bray both share a love for baking for the relaxation it brings them and the fact that it's a fun hobby that can be shared with others.



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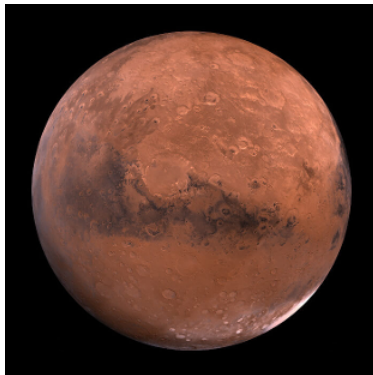
Mars v. Enceladus: the Life Race

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Studying and searching for life outside of earth is extremely detrimental to the modernized world; at St Amant, being educated in anything extraterrestrial may lead students to find new opportunities and passions. The effects of technology we use can be seen anywhere from our phones, computers, telescopes and more. But, in order to have received these technologies and new discoveries people had to be exposed to new things. Chemistry teacher, Sean Bray summed it up best, "If we don't expose the student body to different science fields we risk missing the opportunity to inspire the student who may grow up to find a way to explore the cosmos." By spreading the word about these kinds of fields, one could be opening up a world of new discoveries just waiting to be found by the right person.

The search for life elsewhere in this solar system and galaxy is a tedious game scientists have been trying to crack since the mid-20th century. The components necessary for life as we know it include multiple variables: water, carbon, nitrogen, phosphorus, sulphur, luck, time and location. For instance scientists and citizens know all of these things had to have taken place on Earth because we are living evidence of these chemical and physical reactions.

Mars -the fourth planet from the sun- has been known to be a dry, cold and dusty planet that happens to have gone through multiple stages, similar to earth. Scientists at NASA have in the past, found that it used to have oceans and rivers of water on the surface along with minerals that could have only formed within liquid water. But, as of 2024, scientists used seismic activity -the same



they used on earth to detect its solid core- to detect water present underground in tiny cracks and pores in Martian crust. Continuing, in September of 2025 they discovered potential biosignatures and thanks to the Mars rover, Percy, they found that the composition of sedimentary rocks on the red planet contain clay and silt, which, on our planet, are first-class at preserving past microbiological life. They also happen to be rich in organic carbon, sulfur, oxidized iron and phosphorus, which are all excellent for life.

NASA specialists have also found that certain icy oceans, like the one inside Enceladus, contain signatures of life that form inside organic molecules: amino acids, nucleic acids etc. These would be protected inside the not so thick crust due to being protected by radiation that is naturally present from our sun and other stars. However, the surface would be uninhabitable due to the constant bombardment with radiation from its own high-speed particles that are trapped due to the moon's magnetic fields and the never-ending powerful events from deep space. Nevertheless, under the surface the water is heated by the host's gravitational pool making it perfect for life to hide under the surface. Even so, this moon would need other necessities such as a sufficient energy supply and certain elements and compounds that are used in biological molecules.

While the life race continues more and more exoplanets as well as moons are being brought to the light for their potential to harbor life in the future, past and present. This stands to show just how great and vast our galaxy is as well as the importance of finding biological life in other places.

We Belong Together: HS4

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On March 6, 2026, English singer and songwriter Harry Styles released his fourth studio album, Kiss all the Time, Disco Occasionally. The album features twelve songs, "Aperture," "American Girls," "Ready, Set, Go!" "Are You Listening Yet?" "Taste Back," "The Waiting Game," "Season 2 Weight Loss," "Coming Up Roses," "Pop," "Dance no More," "Paint by Numbers," and "Carla's Song."

Previously, in 2022, Harry Styles, released his third album, "Harry's House," which faced extreme success and support, winning two Grammy awards for Album of the Year and Best Pop Vocal Album. Styles continued to go on tour in 2021 titled "Love on Tour," which lasted 22 months and was ranked one of the highest grossing tours in history, ranking around 617.3 million dollars, while also selling over 5 million tickets.

Following his massive accomplishments, Styles proceeded to take a 2 year break from music and media, starting in 2023. "It was time for me to stop for a bit and pay some attention to other parts of my life." said Styles in The Sunday Times Magazine. Styles took this time to step away from popularity, staying away from the public eye and focusing on personal aspects, such as self-care and family. Fans began to wonder if Styles would ever return to fame and music, debating on if "Love on Tour" was his subtle goodbye, as he ended it off with an emotional speech highlighting gratitude, followed by him falling to his knees, and a ten minute piano ballad.

January 15, 2026, Styles announced Kiss all the

Time, Disco Occasionally on social media after promoting a revival online with old tour photos, followed with a lead single release of "Aperture" on January 22.

Fans and media instantly showed Styles their support as posts and trends began circling around. For example, a trend reached TikTok using the phrase "We Belong Together," a lyric in Aperture, where fans used the verse to post videos and photos of their friends, family, and overall community. The album was teased as an upbeat pop album, using colors such as vibrant pink and blue paired with black alongside its playful name and characterization of "an era filled with intense creative exploration."

After release, Styles experienced great success. Many shared their love for the album and song lyrics. For example, "Carla's Song" repeats the lyric "It's all waiting there for you" which fans used to share photos of themselves traveling or walking into a new chapter of their life. Additionally, "Coming up Roses" features the lyric "It's only me and you," and "Paint by Numbers" quotes "Oh what a gift it is to be noticed," which fans have used to appreciate and show loved ones.

Overall, the album highlights themes of love, self reflection, and romanticism of life. Alongside, the album is the perfect mix of upbeat tracks and soft ballads, making it the perfect album to listen to if you need a pick me up or need to slow down. Kiss all the Time, Disco Occasionally can be streamed on most music platforms. If you have the time, give it a listen, and you may just discover your next favorite album.

