



SENTINEL OF THE SAINTS



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Year End Finale

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

The academic year has come to an end with many events and graces. Although the events seemed to pile on top of one another as the year finished, busyness can be helpful (to avoid the devil's workshop!) Not all of the events which took place this year were conceived at the start, but each one of the accomplished activities added a special gem to the crown of Our Lady — ending the year with her blessings!

Pondering this rapid fire of calendar items, we can see Divine Providence at the root. Since God blessed the activity, we were glad to have endured the many hours of labor, which bore much fruit. “Every best gift and every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with Whom there is no change, nor shadow of alteration.” — James 1:17 These words express what took place and emphasize the spirit under which we operated.

After Easter break we welcomed Rev. Fr. Beck, the Superintendent of our US District Schools, returning to the Academy on an official school visit for the first time since 2017. It is always a grace to have a representative of God (up the ladder of au-

thority) in our presence. This special guest started the string of events which facilitated the swift ending to the year!

One unforeseen activity was the sectional baseball victory! It was the first playoff win for the Saints in this sport. Congratulations to the coach and players. They made the Academy proud...and busy!

Some people feared the packed schedule and cringed at the litany of required tasks, yet in the end (not having canceled anything!) we completed a year dedicated to the theme of SUCCESS with smiles of joy and accomplishment! It was providential to the core; we are grateful for having experienced it!

Enjoy the featured images contained herein. They ought to be a faint reflection of the delight we received by answering the call of Providence.

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Richard Boyle

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Principal

“I should not believe the Gospel except as moved by the authority..”

- St. Augustine

May 25th
Field Day
Final Exams



The night talks after Compline are meant to inspire the boarding students with principles to give them tools for use now and later. There was a talk on May 23rd which used this quote from Knute Rockne: “When the going gets tough, the tough get going!” This is exactly what took place!

Schedules were booked so tightly that staff, students, and parents were not sure how everything would be accomplished; even comments of extending the academic year were muttered! But then, on May 24th, the Saints won their first baseball sectional game in history! A junior struck out 14 of 18 — with the last 9 batters resulting in Ks! This energy was enough to lighten the load of exams, busyness, stress, and tiredness. God is good — making the rough way plain!

May 26th
Ascension Thursday
Magnificat Concert
Baseball Game



May 27th
Award Ceremony
Concert



The Class of 2023’s patron, St. Augustine (quoted above), will help us to understand what has taken place at the close of 2022. It is always best to build upon the foundations of old (i.e. follow the guidance of authority). As stated by St. John Chrysostom, “I build the future by being faithful to the past.” It is important to link the past and future with the present. That can be done with a reflection on why the authority decides things which seem burdensome...

In this present case, when God spoke through the authority His blessing came and made the rough ways plain, even though things seemed overbearing.

May 28th
Golf Tournament
Boys’ Play, *Murder So Merry*



It was determined that the busy schedule was possible. The *Magnificat* concert (which required many hours of preparation from alumni, students, professionals, and students from a sister school) on Thursday, our award evening on Friday, and an encore performance of our high school boys’ play on Saturday evening — preceded by our annual golf tournament was on the list! Then the graduation of the “apostles” (13 students — representing the 12 chosen Apostles and the Apostle to the Gentiles!) was an event to remember. All these events were worth their while and allowed for a grand finale to a successful year!

May 30th
Graduations



ALUMNI NEWS



An alumni weekend took place in March — another success. Effort was made to organize a welcoming atmosphere for these returning Saints. The intent was accomplished — thanks to those who helped!



April 22, 2022: Kathleen Simon-ton, Class of 2014, and Jeffrey Bednarski are united in Holy Matrimony



Three Rules to succeed on your journey as a SAINT according to this year's graduation speaker, LTC Tony Moss

- 1) Do the right thing and avoid no win situations. Have an excellent positive attitude, be honest, and hold yourself accountable.
- 2) Do everything to the best of your ability. Be committed to excellence. Working hard is what successful people do - don't be average and never lower your standards.
- 3) Show people you care. Learn to listen more and talk less. You all have a gift. Understand and protect that gift. Utilize that gift, but don't abuse that gift.

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