



HAWK PRIDE

Santa Fe Catholic High School

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Preparing Students for College and the World

**WITH GREAT PRIDE WE HONOR OUR STUDENTS'
ACHIEVEMENTS AND TALENTS.**

Mark Your Calendars

Alum Barbara Willis, Ranked #1 at FSU



Barbara Willis, Class of 2010, ranked #1 of 3882 students at Florida State University as of the close of the spring semester 2011.

In her own words - Santa Fe has prepared me in a lot of ways that I was not even aware of at the time. First of all, classes here are somewhat equal to those at SFC. Homework is actually quite less here, so I would say that the rigorous course load in high school prepared me for college so that I was already on the right track. Second of all, while at Santa Fe, I was able to participate in anything that I wanted. I

was in so many clubs at once that I usually didn't leave school until after 9:00pm. Now it is quite easy to juggle 15- or 16-hour course load semesters while working as a resident assistant. I acquired good study habits and time management at SFC, so now I do not have to worry about those things.

School work aside, Santa Fe helped me realize that I enjoy being a leader. Especially with the help of Br. Paul and SGA, I learned how to give speeches for rallies, be an ambassador for the community, and hopefully, be someone that SFC is proud of. I carried these ideals on to FSU and have used them in my job. I am now in charge of over 40 girls, and have a very successful floor while maintaining my academic standing. I could not have done that without Santa Fe.

The one thing that I love most about SFC is the community aspect. I felt from the beginning of my time there that it was more than just a high school; it felt like a family. My college peers have shared their high school stories of fights, horrible classes, and people not being prepared for college. I know that Santa Fe gave me everything the school could offer and more. Ms. Coté was welcoming and offered me a place in SFC that I wanted so badly but couldn't afford. She gave me renewed hope, and I grew as a person because of all that I was blessed with at Santa Fe.

I would also like to thank Mrs. Regan for all that she did for me while I was at school and beyond. I never got a chance to tell her how much I appreciate her. Even when I had already graduated, I was very scared about entering FSU and didn't know how to fill out the correct paperwork. She came in from her summer break and sat with me to help straighten out all my worries. She was the main reason I won a scholarship of \$12,000 my senior year. She is a wonderful person, and one of the greatest resources at the school.

Congrats to Barbara and to all who taught her!

- ♦ **November 21-24**, Thanksgiving Break, No School
- ♦ **November 28**, Market Day Pickup, 1:00-3:00pm
- ♦ **December 1**, Lakeland Christmas Parade, 7:00pm
- ♦ **December 2**, Sophomore Retreat
- ♦ **December 3**, Freshman Placement Test, 7:45am-12:00pm, MPC
- ♦ **December 3**, SAT Test
- ♦ **December 4**, Fall Sports Awards, 2:00-4:00pm, Gym
- ♦ **December 6**, No Mass
- ♦ **December 8**, Mass - Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 10:25am, Gym
- ♦ **December 9**, 1st Semester Service Hours Due
- ♦ **December 9**, Coach Jeff Mosher Dedication, during halftime of the 7:30pm boys varsity basketball game
- ♦ **December 10**, ACT Test
- ♦ **December 10-11**, SFC Sunday at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Haines City
- ♦ **December 10**, Night on Broadway, 6:30pm in the MPC Presale tickets only
- ♦ **December 13**, Advent Penance Service, 10:25am, Gym
- ♦ **December 13**, End of Quarter 2
- ♦ **December 14-16**, Exams
- ♦ **December 19-January 2**, Christmas Break

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CAMPUS MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Meet Our 2011-2012 Ministers of Holy Communion



Back Row, L-R - Matthew English, BJ Knauf, Kathryn Dunn, Leah Kedzuf, Lauren Wurthmann, Dylan Nguyen.
Front Row, L-R - Joe Gabriel, Grace Korley, Margaret Ross, Kiersten Cash, Allison Villarreal, Erin Welch, Maria Salamanca, Sara Schluender

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are commissioned by the local bishop to assist priests and deacons with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Students are chosen because of the high moral standards by which they live and the witness they are to Catholic Christian teaching and values. Each spring teachers and staff give their recommendations, and invitations are sent out to students who meet these criteria. The students receive a half-day training on the Eucharist and then participate in a practicum to teach them how to distribute the consecrated bread and wine to the participants at Mass. Students are commissioned to serve in this ministry for two years.

Remembrance Mass



The annual remembrance Mass for deceased alumni, relatives and friends of SFC was celebrated on Tuesday, November 1st in the gym followed by a reception in Crimson Hall. We were blessed to have Rev. Stephan Brown, SVD from Saint Leo University preside over the Mass.

Meet Our 2011-2012 Peer Ministers



Back Row, L-R - Br. Paul, Tom Guarneri, Greyson Kelly-Schad, Joe Gabriel, Matthew English, BJ Knauf, Leah Kedzuf. **Front Row, L-R** - Maria Salamanca, Lady Marie Bullilan, Vi Tran, Alex Hall, Giovanna Favilli, Grace Korley, Allison Villarreal, Erin Welch

Campus ministry relies on student involvement and leadership in order to facilitate its various programs in faith, justice, and service. Peer ministers are trained each year, learning skills that prove valuable beyond their work in the campus ministry office.

SFC Youth Conference



The Santa Fe Catholic Youth Conference was a full-day conference of prayer, learning and service for our 9th graders and the 7th and 8th graders from our feeder schools. The students enjoyed a variety of workshops, from crafts and baking to gardening. Br. Paul did a wonderful job coordinating the event. Thank you, Br. Paul! And a special thank you to all our volunteers who helped organize the workshops, served lunch and chaperoned!



STUDENT LIFE

Lauren Wurthmann Receives Merit Award at the Arts on the Park



Lauren & Ms. Wean

Lauren Wurthmann, an art portfolio student of Ms. Karla Wean at Santa Fe Catholic High School, recently won a merit award at the Arts on the Park student art competition. The reception was held the evening of Friday, October 7, 2011. Lauren's mixed media artwork, entitled "Vintage Love," expressed the remnants of a woman in an era of the past. Lauren explored a variety of techniques to enhance her artwork.

The judge, Gary Bond, critiqued the artwork and discussed how these portfolio students showed great understanding and consistent application of mixed media techniques.

An impressive 21 SFC students were accepted into this juried Polk County High School art competition: Mrs. Pfund's students Chad Aiken, Samantha Finley, Mitchi Maja, Ana Reynolds, Co Co Wu and Lilian Ye; Ms. Wean's students Jerry Baier, Ryan Brown, Reynica Cadet, Matt English, Giovanna Favilli, MaryHelen Friel, Candice Helvick, Nicole Jackson, Grace Korley, Candy Liang, Jessica Martinez, Jazmin Montes, Katelyn Swallow, Lauren Wurthmann and Megan Yates. **Congratulations to all of our aspiring artists!**

Individuals Advance to Regionals in Cross Country and Golf

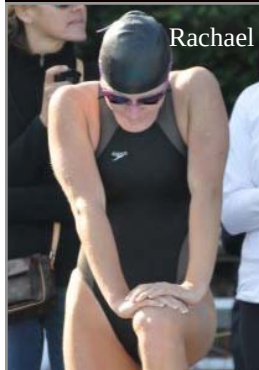


Cross country athletes Senior Kelly Jackson and Freshman Jack McHugh (Left) finished 12th at districts and advanced to regionals. Due to an injury Kelly was unable to compete at regionals. Jack McHugh finished 40th out of nearly 300 runners. **Awesome job, Kelly and Jack!**



Senior Margaret Ross (Left), Santa Fe Catholic's only female golfer, placed 11th out of 50 golfers at regionals. **Congratulations, Margaret!**

Lady Hawks Advance to Regionals



Rachael



Sabrina

Santa Fe was represented well by both Rachel Ringley and Sabrina Ceniza at the 1A Regional 2011-12 FHSA Swimming & Diving Championships on November 9. This was a qualification swim meet with only the top 24 qualifiers from the District Championships. Rachel placed 10th overall in the 200 Free with a time of 2:05, breaking another school record, the second of this swim season. She also placed 12th in the 100 Free with a time of 57.91 for a best time. Sabrina swam the 100 Breast-stroke with a final time of 1:29 coming in 22nd and the 100 Butterfly with a time of 1:17 placing 18th. We are so proud of all the swimmers' accomplishments this season. **Go Hawks!**

Football Team Finishes the Season with an Improved Record



The SFC football team after graduating 14 of 28 players last season finished the 2011-2012 season with an improved record of 6-4, placing 3rd in a district with eight teams. Our quarterback BJ Knauf won FACA 2A District Player of the Year and Head Coach Billy Dickerson was named FACA 2A District Coach of the Year. **Way to go, Hawks!!!**

Breakfast with the Hawks

On Saturday, October 15 SFC held its first Breakfast with the Hawks at Beef 'O' Brady's in Lakeland. Volunteers from football, volleyball, dance, cross country, and swim served 116 platters to friends and family alike. SFC merchandise was sold and each team earned funds for their respective programs. Thanks to everyone who supported this event!



SFC, LCS and ASA Put Aside Rivalries for Charity Water



L-R: Ellen Sharpe and Allie Pruim of LCS, Ragan Jones and Kevin O'Halloran of SFC, Bailey Hill and J. W. Scheck of ASA

In October, All Saints Academy, Lakeland Christian School and Santa Fe Catholic High School worked together on a project for Charity Water. It costs \$5,000 to have a water well dug to provide fresh water to a village of 250 people in a third-world country. The three schools went above and beyond that mark, raising \$6,300 – one full well and work started on a second well.

All Saints Academy student J.W. Scheck came to the school's administration and asked if he could begin the project. The ASA administration decided to reach out for help in an attempt to make the project even more productive. Keeping the rivalries in athletic pursuits, the schools teamed up to help get the wells built, and working together for something really important is what it's all about. School officials said plans are in the works for a joint Habitat for Humanity project in the spring.

Meet Mr. Jason Montgomery, Our New Athletic Director & Dean of Students



Dear Hawk Nation,

As I write this our fall sports seasons are ending and our winter sports are getting underway. This has been an exciting fall as we have seen individual athletes qualify for regionals in golf, swimming and cross country, and our football team finished third in the district. Now we begin to look forward to what soccer and basketball seasons will soon bring.

Now that I have shared where we are, I want to talk to you for a moment about where we are going. This is both an exciting and challenging time for SFC Athletics. We are in the process of gymnasium upgrades and have recently seen great changes at our football complex. Soon we will begin the resurfacing and lining of our track and hope to make some immediate improvements in our softball complex. Several grant proposals are in process as we look to replace our aging lights at the baseball and football complexes.

Athletic endeavors consistently demonstrate the ability to prepare men and women for future careers. From presidents to industry leaders, many of our greats have learned the lessons of teamwork, self-sacrifice, dedication and commitment through athletics. Now more than ever we need your help and support for our programs and our athletes.

As we move forward and seek to grow our programs, we have many opportunities for your support. There are levels of Booster memberships available for every budget, and as we look to improve our facilities we have many naming opportunities where you can leave a permanent, positive mark on SFC athletics. I hope that you will come out to support our athletes as the year continues, as we showcase the definition of school spirit through Crimson Hawk Athletics!

Jason Montgomery
Athletic Director & Dean of Students

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Jason Montgomery is a Kentucky native and has spent nearly two decades in athletics at the high school and collegiate level. As a coach he amassed 208 career basketball wins in his 11 seasons as a head coach, and has produced school records for single-season wins at both Volunteer State College (27-4) and Nature Coast Tech (26-3). In addition, he has led four different collegiate programs to top 30 national rankings and led Nature Coast to a #5 Florida state ranking. He has coached four All-American selections and has seen five players named conference or regional players of the year. For his teams' successes, he has been named "Coach of the Year" by media or his peers an impressive 13 times. As an administrator this is Jason's third stint as an athletic director, having served in that role previously at Nature Coast Tech and Saint Catharine College. He is married to his college sweetheart Erin and they have two children, son Tate (12) and daughter Taylor (15).