



Dear Partners in Catholic Education,

Welcome back to another great school year! On behalf of the St. Augustine High School leadership team, we wish you, your faculty and staff, and your entire school community a wonderful and successful year ahead. We pray that God watches over your schools and blesses the important work you do each day in educating and forming young men and women in the Catholic tradition.

The Saints Admissions Team is excited to begin another admissions season, and we are pleased to share a few changes to our admissions staff.

Our longtime Assistant Principal, **Mike Haupt**, has retired from his administrative role at Saints. We are grateful for Mike's many years of service to our school community. Fortunately, he will remain an important part of the Saints family as our Head Basketball Coach and will continue to assist the Admissions Team whenever his schedule allows.

We are also excited to welcome **Brendan Johnston** into a new role as **Assistant Director of Admissions**. Brendan is a longtime member of the Saints community and a proud Saintsman from the Class of 1994. He currently serves as our World Language Department Chair, teaches Latin, and is the Head Coach of our Varsity Soccer program. Brendan brings a deep understanding of Saints, our Augustinian mission, and the Catholic school community to this new role.

Along with me, **Paul Sipper, Director of Admissions**, and **Zorinna Acheron, Assistant for Admissions**, Brendan will be one of your primary contacts for anything you need as you help your families navigate the Saints admissions process. Please never hesitate to reach out to any of us. We value our relationship with your schools and are grateful for the partnership we share in Catholic education.

A Few Important Admissions Reminders

- **HSPT:** We will continue to use the High School Placement Test (HSPT), along with a **Pre-Algebra Supplement** administered during the testing day. We will share the scores of students from your school who test on our campus and are always available to answer any questions you may have regarding the assessments.

- **Fall 2027 Application:** The application for students entering 9th grade in Fall 2027 will open on **September 1**. The application will remain open throughout the admissions cycle and will close at the start of testing on the day of the HSPT.
- **HSPT Testing Date:** The HSPT is scheduled for **Saturday, January 9**. We will share additional information when we visit your campus and as we get closer to the testing date.
- **Financial Aid:** Our financial aid application will open on **October 1** and remain open through **January 15**. We anticipate providing another record amount of financial aid this year and strongly encourage families who may need assistance to complete the application as early as possible.

Our Commitment to Our Partner Schools

I also want to take a moment to reaffirm an important part of our commitment to you and your schools.

We recognize that our Catholic schools are part of a larger community and that our missions are interconnected. We remain committed to supporting your mission as well as our own, and we will continue to do our best to assist our partner schools whenever possible—particularly when financial concerns arise.

As we have done in the past, if a family from your school is participating in the Saints admissions process and maintains an outstanding tuition balance with your school, **please let us know**. We ask that you communicate this information to us so that we can work together to address the situation.

Before admissions decisions are mailed, your school will receive an email containing the student's **admission status, HSPT results, and Pre-Algebra Supplement results**. If a student has an outstanding tuition balance with your school, please notify us at that time. We will follow up with the family and, when appropriate, hold the student's admission decision until the matter has been addressed.

We believe strongly in the importance of Catholic education and in the partnerships that make our Catholic school community stronger. Thank you for the trust you place in Saints and for the tremendous work you do each day on behalf of your students and families.

We look forward to visiting your campuses, meeting your students, and working alongside you throughout another successful admissions season.

May God bless you, your schools, and the important work you do.

Warmly,

Paul Sipper

Director of Admissions

St. Augustine High School