



# Alumni NEWS



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- St. Anthony Style!**

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## Fall 2021

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# From the Principal

The first quarter is behind us. We have wrapped up fall sports and are preparing for everything ahead: Winter Activities, Homecoming, Thanksgiving, Finals, and Christmas Break.

Preparation helps us successfully tackle the challenges and demands of school, work, and even everyday life. At our Catholic High School, we also know we can prepare our students for life by helping them grow in their Catholic faith.

There is another important event coming up for us to prepare for: Advent. As Catholics, we know that the Advent Season is the time to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus. We have four weeks to “get ready.” The advent wreath can also serve as our “study guide or checklist.” Each candle represents a specific virtue that we can reflect upon each week. These virtues include hope, love, joy, and peace.

I encourage every current school family, alumni family, parishioner, and supporter to take the time this advent season to “get prepared.”

**“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” - Matthew 24:44**

Sincerely in Christ,  
**Greg Fearday**  
Principal



*Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint - Isaiah 40:31*



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# Cover Story

## An American Experience - St. Anthony Style!

We are excited to welcome five international exchange students to St. Anthony High School for this 2021 - 2022 school year. Our students join us from Spain, Italy, and Armenia. They are staying with host families that currently have children attending our school.

Our exchange students all desire to experience the “American lifestyle” that they have seen in movies and on television. They also appreciate the academic environment - one combining faith, fun, and learning. For example, dressing up for Halloween at school was something none of them had experienced. And each had a fun story and memory about that day. (Who hasn’t gone to school dressed up in a Fruit of the Loom costume!)

In addition to the fun experiences of attending school and participating in activities, the visiting students also enjoy the small community culture of Effingham, which is much different from their own hometowns. Here are some fun facts about these students.

Gaia (*hosted by Jill Quandt*) is from a small beach community in Italy. She admittedly is not quite ready to experience the cold weather, but she is ready for the adventure!

Jimena (*hosted by Chris & Nikki Quandt*) and Roberto (*hosted by Darrin & Rachel Mossman*), interestingly, are both from the same neighborhood in Madrid, Spain.

Even more interesting, they did not know each other until they crossed the ocean and started attending St. Anthony High School in Effingham, Illinois! Roberto loves to travel with his host family, and Jimena likes the variety of classes she can take in school, like art, for example.

Adrian (*hosted by JR & Christy Elder*) is also from Madrid, Spain, but from a different area than Jimena and Roberto. He most enjoys the challenge of meeting different people and learning about different cultures.

Tigran (*hosted by Andrew & Shelby Stodden*) joins us from Armenia and is participating in a different type of exchange program that is extremely competitive academically. He had to take exams and write essays to qualify to participate in the program. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for him, and he very much enjoys this experience in America.

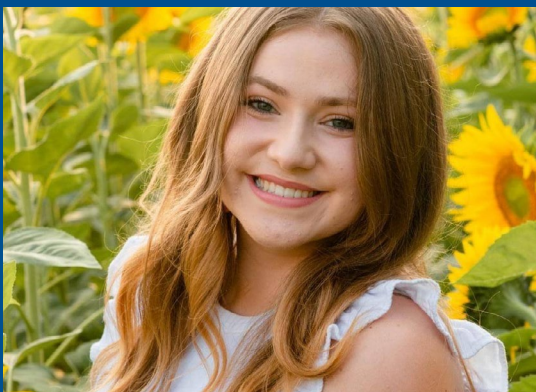
The exchange program is beneficial for our visiting students, as well as our entire student body. Our SAHS students get to learn about different cultures first-hand from the exchange students. It is an excellent opportunity for them to understand how kids their age experience life in other parts of the world, and expands their thinking from local and national to global. Moreover, as fellow Christians, we know we can connect and collaborate from a foundation based in faith.

# Student Achievement



## National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Congratulations to seniors: Mason Bloemer and Andrei Deaconescu on being named 2022 National Merit Scholarship semifinalists! Mason Bloemer and Andrei Deaconescu are among 16,000 semifinalists nationwide who qualified by achieving some of the state's highest scores on the 2020 PSAT or 2021 SAT.



## Community Leader Recognition

Congratulations to St. Anthony senior Maria Poston on being selected as an Up & Coming Community Leader by the Effingham County Chamber. Maria was one of 5 Effingham County high school students recognized at the Chamber's Top Community Leaders Awards Dinner.

# Giving Back



## Students Donate to Animal Shelter

The Spanish Club commemorated the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, October 4th. St. Francis' devotion to God was expressed through his love for all of God's creation. To commemorate his feast, the Spanish Club collected items for the Effingham County Animal Shelter & Control.



## "Fill the Pumpkin" Coin Drive

St. Anthony High School, St. Anthony Grade School, and Sacred Heart Grade School hosted a "Fill the Pumpkin" Halloween Coin Drive to benefit a local food pantry. Students dressed in costume and stood outside the front doors at all 3 schools, raising over \$3,000 in donations!



# Fall Sports Scoreboard



## Boys Golf

In a return to a somewhat normal season, the St.

Anthony Boys Golf Team had a very successful season, winning seven out of twelve 18-hole events, and four out of five 9-hole matches.

In the post season, the team won the school's 22nd IHSA regional title with a score of 296, taking 4 of the 5 individual medals. Junior Jonathan Willenborg claimed medalist honors firing a 70, 2 under par.

At the IHSA sectional, the team placed second by only 1 stroke, qualifying them for their 18th trip to the IHSA state finals.

The Bulldogs finished 4th at State, only 10 strokes out of first.

The team included lone senior Thomas Chojnicki, juniors Michael Martelli, Aidan Tegeler, and Jonathan Willenborg, sophomores Lane Ludwig and Charlie Wegman, and freshmen Patrick Ciorna, Dakota Flaig, Ethan Karolewicz, Ryan Schmidt, and Joey Trupiano.

Congratulations to Coach Phil Zaccari for being inducted into the IHSA Hall of Fame this year!



## Swimming

Sectionals for swimming were on November 6, with Juls Harden and Alex Ciorna advancing to the State meet in Chicago!

Juls will be swimming 100 Free and 200 Free. Alex will be swimming 100 Back and 200 IM.

Freshman Cailey Dorris will be swimming 50 Free and 100 Breast. Good luck to Alex, Juls, and Cailey.



## Girls Golf

Girls Golf had a great season, playing in seven invitationals, winning two, and placing

either second or third in three others. The girls also went undefeated in dual, triangular, and quadrangular matches.

In post season play, the Lady Bulldogs won the regional for the 13th time in school history, and also won the sectional for the first time since 2008.

Their season was capped off by finishing third in IHSA state competition.

We say goodbye to two seniors: Ellie Wegman and Nina Hakman. Returning players next year are Lauren Schwing, Addie Krouse, Maddy Brummer, Allison Geen, Sydney Kibler, and Mia Schwing.



## Baseball

The 2021 Fall Baseball Season finished with a record of 15-7, finishing 2nd in the regular season and 4th in the conference tournament.

The team had two players who made the all-conference team, Colton Fearday and Angelo Mendella.

The team's strength was its pitching. Colton Fearday, Brody Niebrugge, and Eli Levitt led the pitching staff to an E.R.A of 1.99. The team had a lot of young guys step up to play significant roles and gain valuable experience by being able to play this fall season.

The Bulldogs are looking to have a great offseason and working on becoming the best team it can be for the spring season.



## Girls Tennis

Four seniors finished their tennis career at St Anthony this fall: Ali Adams, (a 3-year varsity athlete), Elizabeth Kabbes, Grace Karolewicz, and Izzy Hakman.

The team's dual record is 5 wins, 4 losses, 1 tie due to lightning, and 2 rainouts.

The girls participated in six tournaments, placing 3rd out of 16 teams in our St Anthony tournament.

The team placed 4th of 10 in the sectionals, with Emily Kowalke placing second in the IHSA sectional, qualifying her for State.

Emily went 3-2 in state competition placing in the final 17 through 24 at state. Congratulations, Emily.



## Volleyball

The volleyball team had a successful 27-10 season. They finished 3rd at the Olney invitational and followed that up with a 2nd place at the St. Anthony tournament.

The Bulldogs finished 2nd in the NTC regular season schedule and the NTC tournament. At the Mahomet tournament they won bronze flight. The Bulldogs lost to Altamont in the regional semifinals.

The JV team had a successful season run with only 2 losses in regular season, winning the St. Anthony JV tournament and Fresh /Soph team won the Robinson tournament.



## Cross Country

Cross Country had a great year, starting with all 14 runners posting their best times at the Mattoon Cross Country Invitational

Both Girls and Boys teams won Conference Championships at the NTC Meet, with Griffen Elder winning the individual boys conference championship.

Both teams ran well at The Bulldog Classic, which was run at Sacred Heart School and Church Grounds for the first time this year.

The Girls placed 4th and Boys placed 6th at the Robinson Regional, qualifying both teams for Sectionals at Hickory Pint Gold Course. Griffen Elder was the lone individual qualifier for the State meet.

Congratulations to our seniors Riley Guy and Macy Rietz.



## Soccer

The soccer team improved on last year's win total by 2, finishing with 5-11-1 overall record.

With 11 out of 20 players being new to the team, the team faced the challenge of developing chemistry & positional fit, finding balance along the way.

Led by a great group of seniors, the team was very competitive in most games, scoring 43 goals and allowing 55 goals (the second lowest difference of goals in the past 4 years). Sophomore Roberto Campos led the team in scoring with 15 goals.

# Zaccari Inducted Into Illinois Coaches Association Golf Hall of Fame

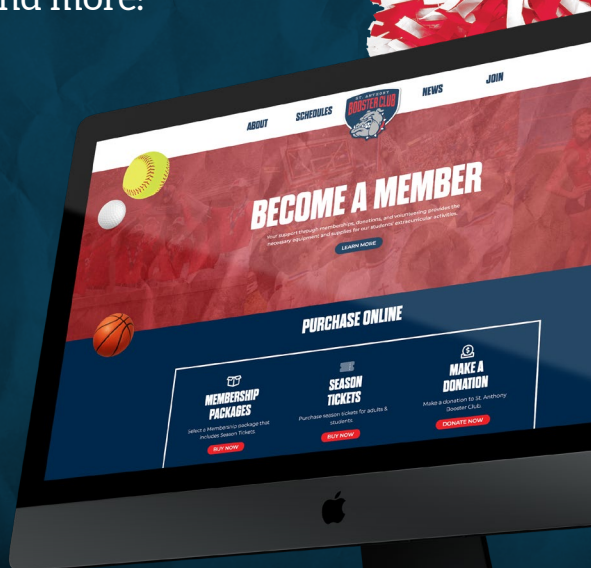
St. Anthony Boys Golf coach Phil Zaccari has been named a 2021 Inductee to the Illinois Coaches Association Golf Hall of Fame.

Serving as a coach since 1999, his teams have a 297-47 overall varsity match record. His teams have won 38 invitationals, 18 IHSA regional titles and 7 IHSA sectional titles. His teams have made 16 Class 1A State Final appearances, compiling 4 State Championships, 2 second place finishes, and 1 third place finish.

He has been the University of Illinois golf camp staff instructor since 2003. He managed the Pride of the North Side boys and girls golf camps from 2011 to 2017. He was the girls golf coach from 1999 to 2000. Congratulations Coach Zaccari!

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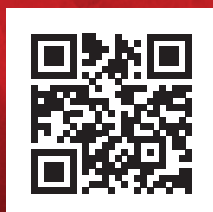
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The St. Anthony Booster Club and Effingham Sportsbackers are hosting a joint Queen of Hearts raffle to benefit the sports programs at Effingham St. Anthony Schools and Effingham Unit 40 schools.

For more info, or to see results & winners visit:

[EffinghamQoH.com](http://EffinghamQoH.com)



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# Alumni Updates

*Pressing on to the Goal of service to the LORD by stretching our intellect, confirming our values, and living our faith. - Philippians 3:14*



## Reunion News

The SAHS Class of 1976 celebrated their 45 year reunion on September 4, 2021 at the Effingham Events Center Bar & Patio.

## In Memoriam

**Virgil Nieman ('60)**  
passed away July 18, 2021

**Rosemary (Lohman) Bushur ('57)**  
passed away August 10, 2021

**Christopher P. Thies ('72)**  
passed away September 15, 2021

**Ann (Dirks) Began ('55)**  
passed away September 17, 2021

**Dolores (Stumborg) Wolf ('43)**  
passed away September 18, 2021

## Save the Date

Join us for the St. Anthony

## Spring Gala



Saturday, April 9, 2022  
Thelma Keller Convention Center

Enjoy a social evening of dinner, celebration & fun, as we feature your

## 2019 & 2021 Hall of Fame Inductions

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**\$375,000**



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