



SAVIO NOW

2016-2017
EDITION

ST. DOMINIC SAVIO
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Forming Servant Leaders in the Image of Christ



President's Welcome



DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES,

It's a joy for us to witness our emerging high school students as they explore and discover their many interests and God-given talents. With nearly 50 clubs, teams, groups and societies, there is definitely something for everyone. And as we know, it is precisely this that makes a happy high schooler! The interpersonal connections with new friends and faculty helps our students expand their horizons and try new things. It's a joy to watch!

Along with the social engagement provided by special groups, Savio students are stretching themselves academically. With a myriad of courses offered in core academics, fine arts, technology, world languages and engineering, students imagine and prepare for college and career possibilities. They experience these classes and their teachers with great enthusiasm as they learn and explore.

I do believe that our faculty and staff would say that our greatest joy is the privilege to witness the student's faith formation during their years at Savio. A carefully planned theology curriculum serves as the foundation needed to develop their awareness of Church and the saving grace of faith. Combined with the personal experiences of retreats and the transformation of their friends, Savio students grow in an environment surrounded by committed adults who understand and guide their faith journey. What a gift it is! The greatest joy is to hear returning alumni talk about how they have found a way to continue their faith journey in college, and discovered ways for a servant leader to make a difference.

We're very grateful to our families and friends who share their children with us. We are honored by your trust and touched by your commitment to your child's formation. We thank you for permitting us to be a part of this most important community experience.

BLESSINGS TO ALL!

JOAN WAGNER, Ph.D.
PRESIDENT

ON THE COVER: Savio's Graduation Tradition as Andrea Chavez, 2017 graduate, reacts.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

OUR EIGHTH YEAR AS A SCHOOL has seen our students and faculty continue to fulfill our Catholic vision of "forming servant leaders in the Image of Christ." Our students have lived out their Catholic faith through participation in service, retreats, and social programs. I am amazed to see the diverse activities of our students, whether it be assisting with Religious

Education, leadership in youth groups, attending World Youth Day in Poland, participating in and leading four class retreats, volunteering during our annual Imago Christi Day of Service, or serving breakfast to the homeless community at Feed My People. These rich traditions of service and faith formation are a crucial part of the St. Dominic Savio experience.

The 2016-2017 school year was a banner year for our students in academics, fine arts, athletics, leadership and other extracurricular activities. The school earned four state titles in Academics, Boys Swimming, Girls Swimming, and Girls Track. We hosted a vibrant production of the "Godspell" musical in May and our art students earned over 30 awards in the Scholastic Art and Writing Competitions. We are particularly proud of our 18 seniors who earned national merit recognition. These and other important student accomplishments demonstrate our continued success in educating and forming the whole person at St. Dominic Savio. We look forward to continuing to support our students as they grow spiritually, intellectually, physically, and socially as servant leaders.

MORGAN DANIELS, PRINCIPAL

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2016-2017

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & ADVISORS

We thank our board and advisory members for their support of St. Dominic Savio. Their dedication, expertise and commitment through the year upholds the school to thrive according to its mission—to *prepare young men and women to become faith filled, visionary and inspirational leaders in service to the Church and the world.*

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Alina Davison holds a lock of her hair for 2017 Cuts for Cancer.

IN THE LIFE OF A *Savio* STUDENT



HOMECOMING

The varsity football team put an exclamation point on Homecoming October 7, beating San Antonio T.M.I. 49-23 in front of a spirited Homecoming crowd. This win finalized the TAPPS Independent Division playoff spot. The Homecoming King and Queen were Preston Noonan and Hannah Allman.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Community members, neighbors, families, and friends visited our campus for the annual Trunk-O-Treat. House Council coordinated the event to provide a fun, safe location, for families to enjoy a fun-filled environment. A variety of student teams participated by decorating their car trunks.



NO SHAVE NOVEMBER

All male students, faculty and staff were permitted to grow facial hair and participate in No Shave November, raising over \$200 to help the Prevent Cancer Foundation. Seniors dominated the contest winnings: Brandon Rodi, the Best Beard; Nick Isakson and Nathan Carroll were runners-up.



GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Grandparents and loved ones joined us for Grandparents' Day. Each year, Grandparents and loved ones are invited to join us for our Mass and attend a reception with the entire student body.

IMAGO CHRISTI "IN THE IMAGE OF CHRIST" DAY 2017

On February 2, students, faculty and staff halted classes for a day to travel and serve the community in Travis and Williamson counties. The students were challenged to serve in the Image of Christ. On this day, Savio was divided into their 12 House families and volunteered at several nursing homes, assisted living centers, pregnancy centers, animal shelters and head start schools.

SAVIO CUTS FOR CANCER

On February 17, students and community members donated their hair to create wigs for cancer patients. There were 93 hair donations sent to Pantene® and participants raised over \$2,200 for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to fund childhood cancer research.



ENGINEERING WEEK

Engineering week recognized and brought awareness to the field. The Engineering club held a building competition to see who could build the tallest structure using spaghetti and marshmallows in ten minutes. This year the Lemon Party won the competition for their 41-inch structure.

PI DAY

Pi Day had a variety of fun learning activities. House groups participated in a variety of competitions with the number Pi. The St. Padre Pio House scored the most points that included a pie eating contest, frisbee, and relay race. Jonathan Shoemaker won the recitation contest!

JUNIOR RING/PIN BLESSING

On April 26, Savio celebrated a special ceremony to participate in an ongoing tradition that highlights junior year. The junior ring and pins were blessed by Fr. James Misko during Mass to signify the leadership juniors will have when they are seniors.

PROM

Prom was held at the University of Texas Etter-Harbin Alumni Center. The students enjoyed a photo booth, food and dancing.

CELEBRATING ST. DOMINIC SAVIO

The community celebrated the life of our patron on May 5. Students and faculty took a break in the afternoon from studying and ended the day with games and various creative activities to enjoy the company of each other in small groups. Students were able to visit a certified relic of St. Dominic Savio in the Chapel during the feast day.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

May 8-12, students celebrated several cultures through a panel discussion of living abroad, Mass with prayers spoken in different languages, an International fashion show, and a food festival.

CROWNING OF MARY

On May 5, the Timothy Team led students in the courtyard to crown the statue of Mary. Students and faculty gathered prayerfully to sing and offer flowers to our Blessed Mother.

SENIOR BLESSING

The Senior Class Blessing is a meaningful tradition for the senior class before they graduate. The ceremony is candle lit and is a time of prayerful reflection during the school year's last Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. During the ceremony, seniors pass on their lit candles to juniors to signify the passing of leadership from the seniors to the junior class.





EXCELLENCE IN

Scholarship

The Academic award night highlights and honors the students' hard work in the classroom. Every award is presented from the department chair of each subject and includes the name of the patron saint of each department.

ACADEMIC

ENGLISH { ST. FRANCIS DE SALES }

*Fr: Isabel Weir
So: Max Forbes
Jr: Carson Aldridge
Sr: Kyle Wyborski*

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

*Minh Mather, Poetry Court Award 1st
Tim Wagner: Poetry Court Award, 2nd
Clare Morales, Poetry Court Award, 3rd
Minh Mather, Poetry State Award, 2nd*

MATH { ST. HUBERT OF LIEGE }

*Algebra I: Camila Vera-Tudela
Geometry: Elleé Bartholomew
Algebra II: Micaela Kuenstler
PreCalculus: Dustin Boettcher
Senior Award: Emily Shoemaker*

SCIENCE { ST. ALBERT THE GREAT }

*Biology: Luke Wagner
Chemistry: Matthew Rabaey
Physics: Dustin Boettcher
Senior Award: Andrew Kalamarides*

SOCIAL SCIENCES { ST. BEDE }

*Fr: Connor Buchanan
So: Kaden Stout
Jr: Morgan Berasley
Sr: Cory Cady
Psychology: Natalie Reysa*

THEOLOGY { ST. AUGUSTINE }

*Fr: AnaLisa Rodriguez
So: Haoming Li
Jr: Lodi Perez
Sr: Thomas Snyder*

WORLD LANGUAGE { ST. FRANCIS XAVIER }

*Chinese: Micaela Kuenstler
Latin: Ben Frey
Spanish: John DiGravio
Senior: Mark Simmons*

VISUAL ARTS

STUDIO ART { ST. LUKE }

*Fr: Matthew Hogenmiller
So: Noelle Roca-Jones
Jr: Elyse Garcia
Sr: Kyle Wyborski, Luis Quintanilla*

PHOTOGRAPHY { ST. LUKE }

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Jr: Sophia Kalamarides
Sr: Marcella Tanner*

MUSICAL ARTS

ORCHESTRA { ST. CECILIA }

*Underclassman: Julie Price
Upperclassman: John DiGravio*

WIND ENSEMBLE { ST. CECILIA }

*Underclassman: Julianna Wydra
Upperclassman: Nicholas Butler*

CHOIR { ST. CECILIA }

*Underclassman: Max Foster
Upperclassman: Ivan Salas*

THEATRE { ST. GENESIUS }

*Underclassman: Catherine Hermansen
Upperclassman: Thomas Snyder*

TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING

TECHNOLOGY { ST. ISADORE OF SEVILLE }

*Underclassman: Jonathan Shoemaker
Upperclassman: Caleigh Johnson*

ENGINEERING { ST. PATRICK }

*Underclassman: Mason Garcia
Upperclassman: Cameron Kologinczak*

ROBOTICS ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Raul Basualdo

ENGINEERING AWARD: David Alan Smith

FULCRUM AWARD: Cameron Kologinczak

SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS: Roberto Serrano

LEADERSHIP

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES GLOBAL ADVOCATE AWARD

Natalie Reysa

RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL FOUNDATION

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

*Eden Desta
Angele Kelly
Natalie Reysa
Brandon Rodi*

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

Eden Desta

ST. DOMINIC SAVIO

Thomas Snyder

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST

*Matthew Bianchi
Eleazar Camez
Daniel Jilek
Charles "Fletch" McCuskey
Emily Shoemaker
Mark Simmons*

COMMENDED SCHOLARS

*Michaela Barone
John DiGravio
Jack Frey
Nicholas Isakson
Andrew Kalamarides
Angele Kelly
Natalie Reysa
Thanh Tran
Ben Wagner*

NATIONAL HISPANIC SCHOLAR

*Nicholas Butler
Eleazar Camez
Aaron Mink
Jennifer Sanchez*

200 CLUB

STUDENTS EARNING MORE THAN 200 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

*Andrea Chavez
Eden Desta
Anna French
Amanda Fuentes
Cameron Henry
Lesley Jimenez
Catherine Johnson
Sebastien Juarez
Cameron Kologinczak
Alexandra Lavorato
Alana McKendall
Patrick Miles
Connor Neill
Natalie Reysa (587 hours!)
Emily Shoemaker
Benjamin Shrader
Gabriella Tucker
Kyle Wyborski*

ATHLETICS

NATIONAL FOOTBALL FDN SCHOLAR-ATHLETE

Will Bradley

STUDENT ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Matthew Bianchi

BOY ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Nathan French

GIRL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Caleigh Johnson

JOHN BOSCO AWARD MARGUERITE HUDSON



The Parent Association presents this annual award to a parent, staff member or teacher that reflects the self-sacrifice and extra effort exerted in order to help make our school a place of academic excellence, strong Catholic, moral character and exemplary servant leadership. Marguerite and her husband, Tom, have been involved in the Savio community since 2009. Mrs. Hudson has done whatever it took to make Savio a stronger, a more loving, caring and welcoming community—from the

swim team to senior grad night to every retreat and class event—she has been there for the Savio community. Truly, the spirit of St. John Bosco lives within her. Savio has been blessed with her presence and by her gifts of hospitality. She is a joyful servant to our community and her example of servant leadership.

OUTSTANDING SERVANT LEADER HOLLY BOLOGNA



Faculty and staff recognize one of their peers as an outstanding servant leader in the school community each year. As the Admissions Director, Mrs. Bologna has been truly instrumental in welcoming students and families into the Savio community. She always looks for ways to better serve their students and others. In addition, she regularly participates in the mission of the school by attending retreats and volunteering at *Feed My People* on Thursday mornings. She goes out of

her way to welcome transfer and international students to our community. She is truly a servant leader who puts the needs of others first and betters our community with her daily presence.

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AWARD ERIC BOYCE



Eric Boyce has a long, distinguished history of support of Catholic education and St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School. Involved from the earliest days of the school, Mr. Boyce began as one of the first board members of St. Dominic Savio, and during his tenure, has served on numerous committees including business and finance, tuition assistance, development and strategic planning. Eric has worked tirelessly with the school administration to promote the growth of

the school financially, academically and spiritually. He has truly lived out the school's vision statement as "servant leader in the image of Christ."



TAPPS ACADEMIC CHAMPIONS

Savio's academic team competed against 23 other teams from the TAPPS 5A division on April 3-5 in Waco. The Eagles finished with 115 points (almost doubling their total of 61 from last year) and claimed the title of Academic Champion. Senior Emily Shoemaker earned the distinction of Top Overall Academic Student. Additional results:

SCIENCE Matthew Bianchi, 1st; Nicholas Isakson, 5th

ADVANCED MATH Jonathan Shoemaker, 1st; Emily Shoemaker, 2nd

TAPPS MATH Beatrice Hoang, 1st; Matthew Meskill, 2nd

NUMBER SENSE Jonathan Shoemaker, 1st; Emily Shoemaker, 2nd

LITERARY CRITICISM Amanda Fuentes, 1st; Emily Shoemaker, 2nd

CALCULATOR Jonathan Shoemaker, 1st; Emily Shoemaker, 2nd

SPANISH Eleazar Camez, 3rd



VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

The Class of 2017's highest ranking seniors are **Emily Shoemaker** (left) and **Ben Wagner** (right). *Shoemaker* is the class Valedictorian and is attending Harvard University. *Wagner* is the class Salutatorian and is attending Washington University in St. Louis.



Class of 2017 pictured
with Bishop Joe Vásquez



CLASS OF 2017

Graduation

*First to organize the **Savio Filmworks Team** and first **Computer Science Club***

***First graduating class to turn right** from Neenah Avenue into the Savio parking lot*

***101 students graduated**, Savio's largest ever!*

10,500 hours** of community service / **18 students completed 200+ hours

9 students** recognized as **Commended National Merit Scholars

4 students** recognized as **National Hispanic Scholars

6 students** recognized as **National Merit Scholar Finalists

***11 students** completed the **4-year Project Lead the Way** Pathway in Engineering*

*Earned **\$9.85M** in scholarships*

*Attending **58 different universities** in Fall 2017*

***1 student** will follow a call to religious life with the Dominican Sisters of Mary*

<i>ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY</i> Jacqueline Carina Gomez	<i>MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY</i> Cecelia Denise Van Gompel	Mitchell Aidan Romero Benjamin Patrick Shrader Thomas John Snyder Makenzi Autumn Urbanczyk	<i>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER</i> Nathaniel Bryce Carroll
<i>ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY</i> Octavyia Ryana Williams	<i>MIAMI UNIVERSITY</i> Hannah Lynn Allman	<i>TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY GALVESTON</i> Tyler Michael Bednarz Cory Michael Hofmeister	<i>UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA</i> Zhenpeng Tang
<i>AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE</i> Haley Marie Gaona Jacob Hiram Hudson Katy Rose Kosh Sierra Lynn Martinez	<i>NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND - GALWAY</i> Cian Thomas McGetrick	<i>TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE</i> Zachary Andres Chavez Sebastien Isaac Juarez	<i>UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKLEY</i> Sean Thomas Grieshop
<i>BAYLOR UNIVERSITY</i> Andrea Alejandra Alvarado	<i>NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY</i> Yining Huang	<i>TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY</i> Moises Angel Benavides Alexa Marie Browning	<i>UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IRVINE</i> Yiyu Qian
<i>CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY</i> Sidney Jane Brannam	<i>NEW YORK UNIVERSITY</i> Andrea Chavez Jennifer Lee Sanchez	<i>TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY</i> Cory William Cady Rachel Cassandra Givens Alexandra Lavorato Patrick Scott Miles	<i>UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE</i> Yuying Chao
<i>CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA</i> Kyle Thomas Wyborski	<i>OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY</i> Madeleine Grace Miller	<i>TRINITY UNIVERSITY</i> Christopher Michael Reeve Ava Camille Viccinelli	<i>UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS</i> Ivan Michael Salas
<i>CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY</i> Samantha Jasmin Cacho Marcella Elizabeth Tanner	<i>PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY</i> Woohee Ahn	<i>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN</i> Michael Gavin Beyer Matthew Joseph Bianchi Nicholas Bay Butler Daniel Roch Jilek Andrew Xavier Kalamarides Charles Fletcher McCuskey IV Mark Joseph Simmons Thanh Trang Tran Joel Ty Uong	<i>UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON</i> Braulio Manuel Cuevas
<i>DOMINICAN SISTERS, MARY MOTHER OF THE EUCHARIST</i> Amanda Teresa Fuentes	<i>RICE UNIVERSITY</i> Eden Alemayehu Desta	<i>WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY</i> Devon Tyler Porter	<i>UNIVERSITY OF MARY - BISMARCK</i> Michaela Marie Vance
<i>EARLHAM COLLEGE</i> William Michael Bradley	<i>SAM HOUSTON UNIVERSITY</i> Stephen Anthony Hampton	<i>WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY</i> Devon Tyler Porter	<i>UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME</i> Nicholas Geiger Isakson Natalie Elizabeth Reysa
<i>GAP YEAR</i> Katherine Marie Hawkins Kevin Martinez Summer Aspen Montoya	<i>SMITH COLLEGE</i> Catherine Caleigh Johnson	<i>WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY</i> Devon Tyler Porter	<i>UNIVERSITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD</i> Emily Marie Arevalo Mata
<i>HARVARD UNIVERSITY</i> Emily Marie Shoemaker	<i>SOUTHERN NAZARENE UNIVERSITY</i> Morgan Elena Ayers	<i>WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY</i> Devon Tyler Porter	<i>UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI</i> Connor Nicole Neill
<i>HENDRIX COLLEGE</i> John Ryder Frey	<i>SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY</i> Cierra Denise Cowley Aaron Joseph Mink	<i>WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY</i> Devon Tyler Porter	<i>WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY</i> Devon Tyler Porter
<i>INDIANA UNIVERSITY</i> Kaitlin Nicole Zimmerman	<i>SPRINGHILL COLLEGE</i> Gabriella Marie Tucker	<i>WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY</i> Devon Tyler Porter	<i>WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY</i> Devon Tyler Porter
<i>LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY</i> Brandon Joseph Rodi	<i>ST. EDWARD'S UNIVERSITY</i> Lauren Kelly Graham Madeleine Grace Miksch	<i>WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY</i> Devon Tyler Porter	<i>WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY</i> Devon Tyler Porter
<i>LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO</i> Grace Elizabeth Morawiec	<i>ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY</i> Santiago Sustaeta	<i>WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY</i> Devon Tyler Porter	<i>WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY</i> Devon Tyler Porter
<i>LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS</i> Alana Roberta McKendall	<i>TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY</i> Michaela Grace Barone Cameron Bennett Henry Cameron Alexander Kologinczak Hailey Nicole Lenis Grant Gibson Nolette Joseph Anthony Prybyla	<i>WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY</i> Devon Tyler Porter	<i>WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY</i> Devon Tyler Porter

ST. DOMINIC SAVIO RELIC FINDS ITS WAY TO THE SAVIO CHAPEL

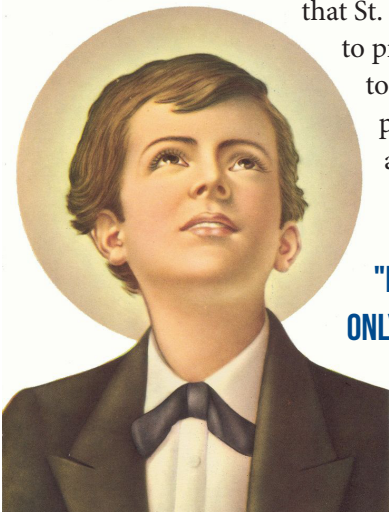


This story begins back in August 2016, when a retired priest from Arizona reached out to Savio to see if there would be any interest in receiving a Relic of St. Dominic Savio. The priest contacted the Director of Campus Ministry, Chris Ochoa, and said he had a Relic with documentation from Rome approving the Relic of St. Dominic Savio as authentic.

"I would like to entrust it [the Relic] to an institution where it will be respected. After seeing the presentation of your school on the internet, I called your school's office and was told you would accept it, and so I'm sending it to you. May St. Dominic Savio bless your work and your high school."

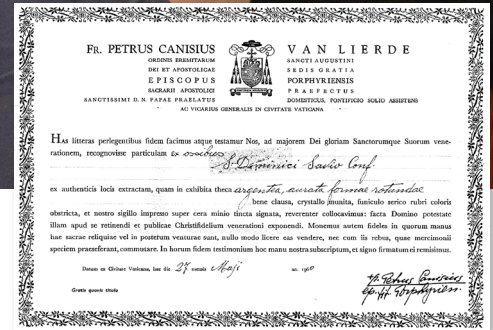
After requesting permission to display the Relic of St. Dominic Savio, permission was granted from Bishop Joe Vásquez to display a few months later. When summer arrived, Mr. Jonithan Pendergrass, the Facilities Director, started working on the display case. He built and designed the display case to be installed in the school chapel. On June 23 the display case was finished and installed to hold a relic of St. Dominic Savio. Mr. Pendergrass built the display case out of wood with a thick protective glass that allows viewing and provides a permanent memorial that now resides in the school chapel. The case is a beautiful example of his custom carpentry and design abilities.

Students, faculty and staff are welcome to visit the chapel and pray in front of the relic during regular school hours. The relic is a reminder to the community that St. Dominic Savio was a real person and it is possible to pray with our school intercessor. If you would like to visit the relic and are not a Savio student or parent, please contact the front office for visiting hours and additional visiting information.



"I NEED NOTHING IN THIS WORLD IN ORDER TO BE HAPPY. I ONLY NEED TO SEE JESUS IN HEAVEN, WHOM I NOW SEE AND ADORE ON THE ALTAR WITH THE EYES OF FAITH."

— St. Dominic Savio



We make these letters with scrutiny's of its faith and we bear witness, for the greater glory of God and the veneration of His Saints, to have recognized the particle from the bones of St. Dominic Savio conf., furnished from authentic body parts, which exhibited in a silver case, gilded of a round shape, well closed, protected with crystal, tied by a slender silken rope of a red color, and signed with our sigil imprinted above the wax dyed with vermillion, we have collected reverently: with power made for the sake of retaining it among yourselves and for the sake of display for the public veneration of Christians. We warn however the faithful or the following in whose hands these sacred relics will come, in no way to allow them to sell it, nor to exchange with these things, in order to make the kind of merchandise no secret. To the faith of these and confirmed with this signature we sent back this testimony written in our hand.

—Given from The Vatican State, this day the 27th of the month of May, the year 1960



ON SATURDAY, APRIL 22, THE SAVIO COMMUNITY CELEBRATED OUR ANNUAL SOIRÉE AT BEAUTIFUL REUNION RANCH.

It was a fun and successful evening thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers, supporters and class basket coordinators. Together we raised over \$100,000! Thank you to our chairs—Terri Allman, Joanie Butler and Kim Veenis—and their amazing committee and event day volunteers.

A very special **THANK YOU** to our event sponsors—we had a record number this year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and directly responsible for the success of the Soirée and St. Dominic Savio.

HILL COUNTRY NIGHTS

Friends of Savio Baseball

STARLIGHT

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THANKS to our grade-level chairs for the 2016-2017 *Build the Nest Annual Appeal*; Stuart and Lisa McKenna, Bodie and Michele Nash, Keith and Katya Winkeler and Herman and Kimberly Juarez. Their hard work and dedication not only met our goal, but exceeded it! For the first time ever, our community of parents, grandparents, board members, faculty, staff, young alumni and friends **raised nearly \$220,000!**

This shows amazing growth for St. Dominic Savio and we are so grateful to our chairs, parent social hosts and Phone-a-Thon volunteers that gave their time to a successful campaign. The Savio community is extremely blessed by their commitment to Catholic education.



HIGHLIGHTS Fine Arts

VISUAL ARTS

Celeste Robbins was awarded a 2017 Gold Medal from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. She was recognized for her outstanding contribution in the field of Art Education as one of the top visual art teachers in the United States. Mrs. Robbins says, "I am very blessed to work with so many talented students at Savio and am honored to receive this award." Congratulations from all of us at Savio, Mrs. Robbins!

Elyse Garcia and Olivia Ramirez have been chosen in the Top 100 Scholastic Artists of 2017. Both of these talented seniors will have their pieces on display in Washington, D.C. for the 2017-2018 school year. The artwork will be hanging at the office of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Once again, Doug Schneider is leading the instrumental department through a successful year with grace and precision. A few times a year the Savio bands and orchestras gather for performances. In December 2016, Savio held a festive Christmas concert for the Savio community. The gym was packed as the Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, and String Ensemble gathered to showcase their hard work and dedication.

On March 31, the Diocese of Austin Catholic School's Music Festival was hosted in the gym. There were over 125 students that participated in this event. All of the bands and ensembles were able to perform and showcase their complex music pieces at this event.



CHOIR

In 2016-2017, the Choral Music Department was directed by Katrina Bernhard. She successfully led the Concert Choir through exploring choral music through different languages to challenge the students to experience singing in different languages.

THEATRE

Twice a year students show what they have learned in theatre classes through the fall and spring plays. In the fall, students presented *You Can't Take it With You*. There were 549 canned goods received for admission and benefitted Grace Ministries of Austin, an organization that provides healthy meals for the poor. In the fall and spring, students learn the basics of acting, theatre history, technical responsibilities, and theatre appreciation and analysis. Students gain experience performing work and participate in the one-act play that is performed for the community.

MUSICAL

Each year, the Musical Theatre Company club produces a major Broadway production near the end of the school year, directed by Joyce Mink. The Broadway show *Godspell* was performed and produced by 28 students. The structure of the musical is about a series of parables, mostly based on the Gospel of Matthew and three featured parables are only found in the Gospel of Luke. The musical is always a successful event that invites and attracts the public to attend in our school gym. Mrs. Mink hopes the students inspired people to use their own gifts and talents for God's glory.

Athletics HIGHLIGHTS

FOOTBALL

The Eagles finished the regular season in style by defeating the Katy St. John XXIII team 13-7 on Senior Night and finished the regular season with a 5-4 record.

TAAPS INDEPENDENT DIVISION, ALL-STATE TEAM

Will Bradley (SR), Mark Lacayo (JR), Skyler Robinson (JR), Mitchell Romero (SR), Brandon White (JR), Grant Nolette (SR), Johnny McNaughton (JR), Dmitri Winkler (JR), Nathan French (FR)

HONORABLE MENTION

Nick Fedele (JR), Brennon Walsh (JR), Clay Orrison (JR), Cory Hofmeister (SR)

"This season was a 'BANNER' year for the team. When I was hired, I took a tour of the school and noticed all the gym banners, but football only had one post-season achievement—not any more! —VICE PRINCIPAL JOE GUTILLA



VOLLEYBALL

"This season was full of constant growth. Although we fell short of our playoff goal, every athlete stepped up to make this team better every day."

—COACH MEGAN LEATH



CHEERLEADING

"The girls did a great job and have really progressed; I look forward to the future." —COACH CASSIE EDMIASTON



SWIMMING

Girls and boys swim teams won the 2017 TAPPS Division II State Championship, surpassing second place by a margin that was almost equal to the total points they scored last year!

"The whole is greater than the sum of the parts. T.E.A.M. Work! Together Everyone Accomplishes More really does work." —COACH CHRIS KJELDSSEN

TRACK

The girl's track team completed the third leg of their Triple Crown goal by winning a district, regional and by defending their state title as repeat 5A champions. The girls tallied 124 points during a two-day meet in Waco.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR COMMITMENT to athletics!

WILL BRADLEY

Football
Earlham College

ANGELE KELLY

Track
Yale University

CALEIGH JOHNSON

Volleyball
Smith College

SIDNEY BRANNAM

Softball
Case Western Reserve

JOHN DIGRAVIO

Baseball
Williams College

MADDEE MILLER

Cheerleading
Oklahoma State University

SEAN GREISHOP

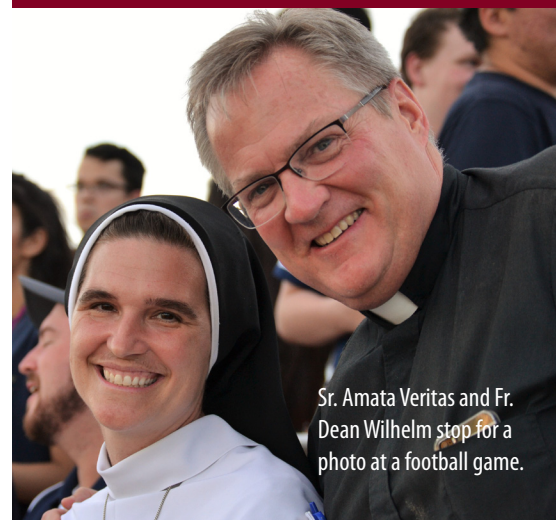
Swimming
University of California -
Berkeley

BEN WAGNER

Basketball
Washington University

SANTIAGO SUSTAETA

Soccer
St. Mary's University



Sr. Amata Veritas and Fr. Dean Wilhelm stop for a photo at a football game.

FORMING SERVANT LEADERS IN *Witness*

TIMOTHY TEAM

Timothy Team released their Annual Report of the spring of 2017 highlighting their accomplishments in the year. The formation faculty includes, Mr. Ochoa, Mrs. Ochoa, Sr. Dominica and Mrs. Heyl. The Timothy (TIM) Team is comprised of juniors and seniors who support the various aspects of the work of Formation and Ministry. The students have a leadership responsibility in specific ways. First, they assist as student peer ministers to create and lead opportunities for the student community to encounter Christ. Second, they explore the theological nature of ecclesial ministry (lay, religious, and ordained) as part of the overall evangelical mission of the Church. They are the vital center of the faith life of our school community—dedicated to work and pray to encourage the students, faculty, and staff closer to Christ.



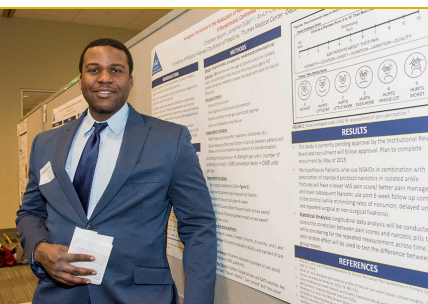
COMPUTER SCIENCE

In October, the Savio Computer Science Team won First Place in the First Bytes Computer Science Tournament. There was a total of 105 competing teams. Each team had two hours to solve the six complex problems using Java. Emily Shoemaker and Jonathan Shoemaker represented Savio and placed in the advanced division. Only Savio and perennial power Richardson High School managed to solve all six problems, and our team managed to finish in eight minutes, winning the title. In March, Savio competed in the 20th Code-wars Competition in the Hewlett Packard Computer Science Tournament in Austin. Teams of three compete in a three-hour programming competition in which over 20 problems of various difficulty need to be coded and submitted to be checked against the judges inputs. The Savio Novice team Giakhnh Hoang, Joel Uong, and Patrick Miles finished fifth. The Savio Advanced team of Emily Shoemaker and Jonathan Shoemaker won first.



ROBOTICS

Our Robotics teams had a successful year. On October 21, 2016, 14 members of the Savio Iron Eagles robotics teams attended the TAPPS inaugural robotics expo. The Robotics students met with other prospective and existing FTC teams, attended various robotics workshops, demoed their robots, and competed in a friendly scrimmage. Savio Iron Eagles look forward to future TAPPS FTC competitions. Later in the school year the Robotics Silverbolt team competed in the World Championship Tournament against international teams.



A PATH INTO MEDICINE CHIZI IBEZIM

Chizitam (Chizi) Ibezim, graduated from St. Dominic Savio in 2014. He always knew he wanted to become a physician. He is passionate about resolving challenges and finding answers to complicated questions, and this inspired him to pursue medical school. "It is something I knew I would be good at that would challenge me every single day. I thrive from these challenges—I've come to never back away from them," he said.

The program at the University of the Missouri – Kansas City was an opportunity for Chizi to receive early clinical exposure and time for extracurricular research. He wanted to obtain his medical degree in six years

as opposed to the traditional eight. He emphasizes, "This certainly calls for more challenges in a more fast-paced curriculum for someone straight out of high school, but that's the thing—I always love a challenge."

Currently, he is leaning towards the study of orthopedic or cardiovascular surgery. "In addition to my love for biomechanics, I would like to have the opportunity to directly impact the lives of my patients. I also like the idea of being physically able to see my work, both in progress and



2012 JENNA SOMMER graduated from the University of Dallas with B.A. in theology. Jenna is now teaching 7th and 8th grade religion at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School in Keller.

2013 MATTHEW KILLINGSWORTH recently graduated from Tarleton State University with a degree in history. He began teaching in Aspermont. Matthew married Victoria on July 22.

2013 JAKOB HURLIMANN graduated from St. Joseph Seminary College in May and is now at the Pontifical North American College in Rome where he recently began his theology studies. As a seminarian for the Diocese of Austin, after the first two years of theology he will return to the diocese in the summer of 2019 to begin his pastoral year.

2013 JORDAN HOFMEISTER graduated with a B.A. at Belmont Abbey College. This summer, she traveled on a 49-day, 4000+ mile run from San Francisco to Baltimore to raise money for cancer. She felt inspired to run in the 4K for Cancer with the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young

Adults because she watched her grandfather battle cancer for eight years.

2014 MATTHEW FRENCH is a senior majoring in materials science and nanoengineering at Rice University. One of the recent research papers he coauthored about material science testing was published in *Materials and Design*. This publication reports material research that present applicable advances and insight into structure and function for engineers.

2014 ABIGAIL MIKSCH is a junior at the Air Force Academy. She was named to the Mountain West All-Star Team to compete at the European Global Challenge, only the second Falcon to earn a spot.

2014 SR. MARIA REGINALD (ROBYN AANSTOOS) said her first vows for the Dominican Sisters of Mary on July 28. She, along with Sr. Monica Maria, will become official Dominican Sisters and are now able to add the suffix O.P. (Order of Preachers) to their names. She loves the ordered life and eagerly awaits being sent into the world as a teacher.

2014 MONICA MARIE (AVA LYNK) loves being surrounded by a community of Spirit-filled, multi-gifted, charitable, bright, fun and loving women in the Dominican Sisters of Mary. She said her first vows on July 28. She enjoys playing sports and games with her Sisters and praying with them as a community.

2014 LUCIA WINKELER is an international studies major at Texas A&M University. In the spring she interned in Washington, D.C., within the U.S. Department of Commerce as an integral part of the Office of Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasia. Within the office there was a Special American Internship Training Program which trains Eurasian business partners in U.S. practices in order to promote more international business and trade.

2015 SABRINA URIEGAS was in a local theatre production in the lead role as Maria in *West Side Story*. Currently, she is a choral studies major at The University of Texas at Austin. She has also continued her love of music by teaching music to young children with UT's String Project.

2016 CLAYTON KNAVEL is attending the University of Alabama. He is active in NSCS, Phi Eta Sigma and Sigma Phi Epsilon. He was selected as a member of The Culverhouse Investment Management Group, a student-run investment fund.

through completion more dependent on my craftsmanship, skill, and knowledge. On top of all of this, I'm an Anatomy buff who also enjoys physiological applications, and I like to get creative."

Eventually, he hopes to become a pediatric orthopedic surgeon specializing in back, foot, and ankle surgeries. It is still too early for Chizi to commit to a specific field or subspecialty, but looking ahead he does like the idea of eventually working in an academic/teaching hospital to train other residents in the later days of his career. "I have found that you can do far more as a physician or even a student physician when you put the needs of others before yourself. For one, that is what my profession is obligated to do for the patients we serve. When one is a servant leader, it also means helping all of those around you to reach their potential, especially when they reach out to you."

In high school, Chizi would spend hours after school with Savio teachers to learn challenging concepts, particularly in mathematics. "They [Savio Faculty] demonstrated servant leadership long after the hours they were required to be at school. I eventually mastered and shared these concepts with my peers later in life. In my field of study there is not simply one physician but rather, a team. This team needs to function at its best, which only happens when each member is at their best."

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