



St. Augustine High School

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

August 8, 2009

Re:

To establish the Houston Alumni Chapter of St. Augustine High School

Attendees:

Earl Adams '72
Kevin Bennette '78
Marlon Brown '75
Jamal Caliste '91
Jason DeMouy '94
Terence Franklin '88

Kendrick Johnson '87
Darryl Jones, Sr. '87
Hampton King '86
Theo Moody '87
Harold Netter '86
Caldwell Prejean '57

Damar Santiago '99
Darren Santiago '97
Robert Smith '67
Clifton Weaver '86
Elgin Weaver '87
Tood Whitaker, Jr. '04

Summary:

Father Lowel Case, pastor of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, welcomed us with opened arms allowing us to use the Father Ball Center located on the church's property at 4000 Sumpter St. in Houston, Texas. The agenda was as follows:

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I. Prayer – Kendrick Johnson

II. Introductions – Attendees

III. St. Augustine High School Update - Kendrick

A. Admissions Report

- a. Enrollment is down due to population changes and income deficiencies. Our goal is to have an enrollment of between 700 – 750 students, but we are forecasting an enrollment of between 650 – 675 students.

A recruiting committee lead by Kendrick Johnson has begun building relationships with elementary and middle school from Baton Rouge to Slidell. We are getting the word out that St. Augustine High School is opened for business and are still helping young men fulfill their God-given abilities.



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B. Development Report

- a. The Annual Fund Drive is under way. This fund is connected to the operating budget. All Alumni are asked to donate at least \$120 annually.
- b. The Work-Study Program is in need of funds in order to offer all students the opportunity to contribute to financing their tuition.
- c. The Purple Pathway Legacy Brick Campaign is a fundraiser that allows every supporter to become a lasting part of Purple Knight history when they purchase a personalized brick. Proceeds benefit the school's financial assistance programs which provide funding for students in need of financial help. (**Contact Nathaniel Brooks @ nbrooks@purpleknights.com**)

C. Alumni Report

The 2009 Reunion, "A Time of Renaissance," activities are as follows:

Wednesday, October 7th

Fr. Charles Hall Alumni Awards Ceremony Luncheon
St. Aug's Gym Lobby
11:30am – 1:30pm

Friday, October 9th

Homecoming Celebration Gala
Basin St. Station
8pm – 12am

Saturday, October 10th

Homecoming Game
Jesuit vs St. Augustine
Tad Gormley Stadium
2:30pm

The Edwin Hampton Music Festival
St. Aug's School Yard
After the Homecoming Game

Sunday, October 11th

Reunion Classes Mass
St. Aug's Chapel
11:00am

Reunion Picnic
Audubon Park Riverview (near the soccer field)
12 noon



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D. Edwin Harrell Hampton (1928 – 2009)

We have lost a man whose name is synonymous with the excellence of St. Aug; a genius who has placed a permanent mark on the legacy of St. Aug. Words cannot describe the impact that Mr. Hamp has had on current and former students, especially those affiliated with the Marching 100.

Since his arrival in 1952, Mr. Hampton had devoted his life to St. Aug, its students, and its music program. We thank God for sharing Mr. Hamp with us and promise to continue the work that he started. The celebration schedule was as follows:

Friday, July 24, 2009

Laid in State

St. Augustine High School's Chapel
12pm – 4pm

Memorial Celebration

Mahalia Jackson Theatre of Performing Arts
Viewing – 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Memorial Celebration – 7:00pm

Saturday, July 25, 2009

Mass of Christian Burial

Corpus Christi – Epiphany Catholic Church
8:00am - Visitation
11:00am – Mass

Interment

Providence Memorial Park

Jam Session and Repast

St. Augustine High School's Yard

IV. Meeting Notes

Dues: The guys will decide whether to charge dues or guarantee 100% participation with the Annual Fund.

Fundraisers: The guys are researching ideas that are achievable for the Greater Houston Area. Suggestions include: a boat ride and Mardi Gras Ball.

Houston Chapter Scholarship: The guys are contemplating the feasibility of sponsoring students through a need-based financial assistance program.



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Geographic Challenges: Since the city of Houston is so large, the group may be divided into 4 geographic groups (North, South, East, & West.)

St. Aug vs LaGrange Game (Saturday, September 26, 2009 at & 7pm)

The group is planning to either have the September meeting in Houston then convoy to Lake Charles for the game or have the September meeting while tailgate at the game. A decision will be made soon.

Video Presentations:

1. Bended Knee
2. Avery Johnson Interview
3. Purple Potential Summer Enrichment

Note: Paraphernalia was made available for all attendees to purchase.

V. Prayer and Alma Mater

The Houston Chapter has the potential to be the best chapter in St. Aug's history. I sensed a genuine desire to support the school. Please contact me with comments, concerns, and questions.

Serving with 'True Devotion,'

Kendrick Johnson
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