

Fr. Sauer Academy

Dear Fr. Sauer Academy Families,

As we wind up Second semester and look forward to our Summer Program classes, I want to take a moment to acknowledge all of our families for their support and commitment to the Fr. Sauer Academy this year. We have just graduated our second class and wish them well on their next journey in high school. The FSA will always be home for them and we are so excited to see what the future holds for each of them.

This Special Edition Newsletter is a celebration of the hard work and dedication of all of our students during this past semester and year. The classes on campus this past semester have been so much fun and we have all been moving forward with school spirit and a renewed energy that is exciting to watch. We have 8th grade special award winners, new Honor Roll recipients, new Student Council leaders and new Summer Programs to further our commitment to a balanced and exciting curriculum.

Our teachers deserve a big shout out too! They have been working tirelessly to engage the students and create classes that have engaged and motivated our students. We have learned so much about distance teaching and education- skills that continued to enhance our program on campus and beyond this semester. Thank you so much for your work and creativity! Our students are lucky to have you each day as they navigate the 'new normal' that the pandemic has uncovered.

At this time, please join me in thanking our departing AVC volunteers. Mr. Ayoob, Ms. Crowley, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Paras, Mr. Stranahan and Mr. Tonna are all on their way to new adventures. We wish them well and extend our heartfelt thanks for all their service, dedication to our students and all that they shared with us and the greater FSA community. We could not have navigated this year without them! We will miss you all so much and wish you luck in all that you endeavor!

Calendar News for Mandatory Summer Classes and Camps

The rising 7th and 8th graders will begin their summer classes and afternoon camps on June 14th with our SI Summer Programs and with our FSA teachers. Classes are from 9:00-noon and Camps run from 1:00-4:00. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 and Lunch at 12:15 from the FSA Snack Shack.

Details about classes and camps will be sent to students and families through email as soon as they are finalized.

The rising 9th graders attending SI next year will have their schedules emailed to them, through the SI Summer Programs Office.

Continue to check your emails about classes, registration packets and summer news. I look forward to hearing from you and send you all my best.

Take care, Theresa

Second Semester Honor Roll- 3.5 or higher

6th grade

Audrina Acosta Santillan
Andrienne (AK) Bolano
Harvey (Trey) Carey III
Zylah Coleman
Lesley Gabriel-Novoa

Kawai Jenks
Stevie Kitchen
Lauro Lara
Wesly Madrid
Jay Owens

7th grade

Jordan Alsalloom
Fernando Hernandez-Juarez
Maliah Howard
Camila Limo Fernandez
Yair Leon
Andrew Monterola

Zoe O'Neal
Mark Phillips III
Yaslin Rodriguez
Enya Roman
Judge Sumchai

These 8th graders finished their time studies the FSA with a Cumulative grade (all three years) of 3.5 or higher. Congratulations to these students who finished with Honors!

Jesus Avina Reyes
Ana Cruz Diaz
Suitulaga Gallegos-Hunkin
Yvonne Hunkin
Evelin Loaiza Zamora
Sean Milburn
Diego Reyes

Loren Sandoval
Alex Serrano Yepez
Charlise Shelton Allen
Angelina Ugaitafa
Kiyoka Valdes
Donovan Wu

STUDENT COUNCIL 2021-2022

OUR NEW STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

Trenia Dunbar-President
Camila Limo Fernandez-Vice President
Nathalie Mejia Medel -Secretary

Enya Roman- Treasurer
Maliah Howard- Social Justice Officer
Wesly Madrid- Student Activities Coordinator

Saying Goodbye:

THIS YEAR, SIX ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS WILL BE MOVING ON TO OTHER ADVENTURES. WE ARE VERY THANKFUL FOR ALL THEIR LOVE, LEADERSHIP AND THE DEDICATION THEY BROUGHT EVERYDAY TO OUR COMMUNITY. WE WILL MISS THEM AND WISH THEM LUCK ON THEIR NEXT JOURNEY.

Hart Ayoob taught religion and wellness to the FSA students. He worked in the library, coached, and taught sophomore Modern World History. Hart shared his passion for spirituality, social justice, and Jesuit education. We are grateful for his dedication to SI and the FSA this year.

Meg Crowley coached field hockey, lacrosse and strength and conditioning, taught PE in the Father Sauer Academy, worked in the library, and worked with our Student Council. She taught sophomore Modern World History in the fall. We benefited tremendously from Meg's many talents and her flexibility. She will be staying in the city and starting law school at UC Hastings in the fall.

Ricky Matthews taught religion in the Father Sauer Academy. He also served in the Office of Community Service and Social Justice and coached Strength and Conditioning and pole vaulting for the Track & Field program. Ricky's consistent work ethic and his attention to detail was invaluable to us and we will miss his energy and competitive spirit at the Academy.

Xander Paras served as a TA in the Father Sauer Academy, provided support to the Office of Community Service and Social Justice, coached Cross Country and Track, and is currently teaching Latin at SI too! Xander's openness to growth and his care for our students is evident in the ways that he has stepped up to serve our FSA and SI community.

Andrew Stranahan worked in the library, served as a teaching assistant in the FSA and provided support to the Magis Office and to the language department. Andrew served us with diligence and thoughtfulness this year. He will head to the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign to begin graduate school this fall.

Manny Tonna worked as a teaching assistant and coached PE at FSA, and provided support to the Magis Office. He brought his energetic spirit and love of all things sports. As an alum of the Magis Middle School and High School programs, he shared his commitment to first-generation college-bound BIPOC students and grew in his passion for teaching. He will be joining the faculty at Mission Dolores Academy in the Fall.

INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Courses and Camps:

RISING 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS:

Dates: June 14-July 16 (Closed July 5-6),

Classes are from Mon-Fri 9am-12pm

Camps begin at 1:00 and end at 4:00

ALL CLASSES WILL TAKE PLACE ON OUR FSA AND SI CAMPUS

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE THEIR FINALIZED SCHEDULE ON JUNE 14TH

Registration packet & CYO bus registration for the 2021-2022 year will be sent to families in June and July.

CHROMEBOOKS DURING THE SUMMER: Students will be assigned Chromebooks and are allowed to keep them over the summer and return them once school resumes.

Please return any **borrowed textbooks, readers and/or paperbacks** to the FSA! Bins will be placed in the FSA Office to continue to collect these items the week of June 14th. Put items in a bag, with your name visible on the outside. Thank you so much for taking care of this!!



CONGRATS GRADUATES!
PERSIST • LOVE • LEAD • UNITE • SERVE • SEEK

PLEASE HELP US CELEBRATE OUR 8TH GRADERS BY VISITING THEIR PAGE.

EVERY 8TH GRADER HAS REFLECTED ON THEIR TIME AT FSA.

<https://www.siprep.org/academy/fsa-2021>

8th Grade Awards

Valedictorian-Diego Reyes

Diego has reached the highest level of academic achievement out of all the students in his class. He has demonstrated excellence and achievement through school activities, personal character and leadership. His intellectual curiosity, hard work and enthusiasm for learning is outstanding and he has earned the respect from his classmates through his kindness and dedication to in-depth study for all of his academic classes. Diego is a gifted athlete and friendly and compassionate classmate. He embodies dedication, integrity and desire to reach his full potential. We honor him with the Valedictorian award for the FSA class of 2021.

Fr. Sauer Academy Excellence Award

Jesus Avina Reyes

The winner of this year's Fr. Sauer Award for Excellence is one of the most caring and optimistic students on campus. An exemplar of the PLUSS verbs that we honor, this optimistic and easy-going student lightens the energy of the building. Each teacher has acknowledged Jesus as a true Ignatian, showing his passion and dedication for others through action and involvement with his peers and with the community. He has made a lasting impact on our community by his caring and loving attitude with everyone. Jesus has demonstrated true potential as a leader who humbly models the values that place others above oneself. This award, chosen by the FSA Faculty and Staff, is proudly awarded to Jesus Avina Reyes.

Leadership Award

Yvonne Leematee Hunkin

Being a leader means acting with integrity at all times, showing others how to act and doing what is right even when it is difficult. This year's winner is one of the most respectful and respected students on campus. Talented both inside and outside of the classroom, Yvonne has consistently worked to make the school a better place for everyone, regardless of grade. She not only leads with her words, but more importantly, by example. She always has something positive and constructive to say and has worked to unite and create a more loving environment at the FSA. Chosen by her classmates; with great pride, we announce Yvonne as this year's winner of the Leadership award.

Service Award:

Ana Cruz Diaz

This student is incredibly kind and thoughtful and has consistently put others first as demonstrated by her work to create a positive and inclusive environment for all students of the FSA. Ana builds positive relationships among her peers and encourages others by being a trustworthy role model in all areas of the school. She has participated in all aspects of the school- including every club offered, Student Council, school assemblies, Shadow days, and every sport that has been offered at the Academy. She is willing to share all of her gifts and talents with other students and teachers through her kind words and with her beautiful artistry. Chosen by her classmates, she is a model of what our FSA students should be and is well respected and loved by all. Please join me in congratulating her as our winner of the FSA Service Award.

Valedictorian Address presented by Diego Reyes at the 2021 Graduation Ceremony

AMDG

Diego Reyes
May 8, 2021

Good afternoon parents, teachers, friends, and of course, the Graduating class of 2021.

Today, we have become Father Sauer Academy graduates. Father Sauer is the home of tomorrow's singers and mechanics, physicians and astronomers, lawyers and judges, professors and athletes. It's a place that pushes you, challenges you, and, in the end, helps you to grow. Whatever the explanation for why you chose Father Sauer as your middle school a few years ago, what matters now is that we are here as a group to share our accomplishments, triumphs, and successes as individuals and as a school. We also gather here today to look forward, to turn our eyes towards the path we embark on towards our future.

Everyone of us had our own experiences at Father Sauer, a blend of good and hard moments, fun and happiness, and, of course, school spirit. I love to look back on our time before all of this madness rained down on us. I recall a moment when we were all together, AM and PM, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade, a time when we existed as a group. We'd laugh, play, and savor those fleeting moments that we can't get back. Those days shaped who we are. But when COVID struck, everything changed. We were divided by a new boundary that caught us all by surprise. It was devastating to be forced apart, to be stuck at home alone.

Then, little by little, we started coming back together. It started with Distance Learning, meeting new teachers and learning to go to school in a new way. It was strange, but we became used to it. And then before we knew it, we began attending school physically again. At first, it was odd, with no one in the classroom speaking with each other. Before this, we were never known as a quiet class. As time went on, we began speaking with each other more confidently, rekindling our friendships and playing together in recess. Now, as we graduate, we are more connected than ever before.

This graduation signals the culmination of yet another remarkable chapter of our lives. With this chapter completed, I am sure that most of us are feeling a little anxious as we begin a new one because, unlike a fiction novel, we cannot turn the pages of our lives to see how they will change. Those pages are unknown, unwritten. We all have our own stories to tell, stories of our own lives that we have yet to write. Fortunately, as Father Sauer Academy alumni, we have all been provided with the tools necessary to compose our stories. Remember, you are not alone. Over the past three years we have created a family and nurtured a community here. And with the unwavering love and loyalty of FSA's family, friends, and parents, we *will* write our stories, and they will be great ones.

I'd like to thank every faculty member at FSA for their encouragement and generosity to scholars both in and out of the classroom. I also thank our families for assisting their scholars in overcoming adversity. We couldn't have done this without you. Finally, I'd like to congratulate all of the eighth graders who are here with me today and with whom I've shared some of my fondest memories. I am extremely proud of each and every one of you. As we close this chapter, we begin our journeys at SI! Keep up the good job, Class of 2021, and never give up! GO WILDCATS!!

Español:

Buenas tardes padres, profesores, amigos y, por supuesto, la promoción del 2021.

Hoy, nos hemos graduado de la Academia Father Sauer. El Padre Sauer es el hogar de los cantantes y mecánicos del mañana, médicos y astrónomos, abogados y jueces, profesores y atletas. Es un lugar que te empuja, te desafía y, al final, te ayuda a crecer. Cualquiera que sea la explicación de por qué eligió al Padre Sauer como su escuela secundaria hace unos años, lo que importa ahora es que estamos aquí como grupo para compartir nuestros logros, triunfos y éxitos como individuos y como escuela. También nos reunimos hoy aquí para mirar hacia adelante, para volver la mirada hacia el camino que emprendemos hacia nuestro futuro.

Todos tuvimos nuestras propias experiencias en el Padre Sauer, una mezcla de momentos buenos y duros, diversión y felicidad y, por supuesto, espíritu escolar. Me encanta recordar nuestro tiempo antes de que toda esta locura cayera sobre nosotros. Recuerdo un momento en el que estábamos todos juntos, mañana y tarde, sexto, séptimo y octavo grado, un momento en el que existíamos como grupo. Nos reiremos, jugaríamos y **saborearíamos** esos momentos fugaces que no podemos recuperar. Esos días moldearon quiénes somos. Pero cuando apareció COVID, todo cambió. Estábamos divididos por una nueva frontera que nos tomó a todos por sorpresa. Fue devastador verse obligado a separarnos, estar atrapado en casa solo.

Luego, poco a poco, volvimos a juntarnos. Comenzó con el aprendizaje a distancia, conociendo a nuevos maestros y aprendiendo a ir a la escuela de una manera nueva. Fue extraño, pero nos acostumbramos. Y luego, antes de darnos cuenta, comenzamos a asistir físicamente a la escuela nuevamente. Al principio, fue extraño, sin nadie en el aula hablando entre ellos. Antes de esto, nunca fuimos reconocidos como una clase tranquila. A medida que pasaba el tiempo, comenzamos a hablar entre nosotros con más confianza, reavivando nuestras amistades y jugando juntos en el recreo. Ahora, a medida que nos graduamos, estamos más conectados que nunca.

Esta graduación marca la culminación de otro capítulo notable de nuestras vidas. Con este capítulo terminado, estoy seguro de que la mayoría de nosotros nos sentimos un poco ansiosos cuando comenzamos una nueva porque, a diferencia de una novela de ficción, no podemos pasar las páginas de nuestras vidas para ver cómo cambiarán. Esas páginas son desconocidas, no escritas. Todos tenemos nuestras propias historias que contar, historias de nuestras propias vidas que aún tenemos que escribir. Afortunadamente, como ex alumnos de la Academia Father Sauer, todos hemos recibido las herramientas necesarias para componer nuestras historias. Recuerda, no estás solo. Durante los últimos tres años, hemos creado una familia y nutrido una comunidad aquí. Y con el amor y la lealtad inquebrantables de la familia, los amigos y los padres de FSA, escribiremos nuestras historias y serán excelentes.

Me gustaría agradecer a todos los miembros de la facultad de FSA por su aliento y generosidad con los estudiantes tanto dentro como fuera del aula. También agradezco a nuestras familias por ayudar a sus estudiantes a superar la adversidad. No podríamos haber hecho esto sin ti. Finalmente, me gustaría felicitar a todos los estudiantes de octavo grado que están aquí conmigo hoy y con quienes he compartido algunos de mis mejores recuerdos. Estoy muy orgulloso de todos y cada uno de ustedes. Al cerrar este capítulo, ¡comenzamos nuestros viajes en SÍ! ¡Sigamos con el buen trabajo, Clase de 2021, y nunca se rindan! ¡¡VAMOS WILDCATS !!

We would like to thank our parents, families and community for all of your support. Thank you so much for all that you have done and continue to do.



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