



News & Notes



An Evening with Author Yaa Gyasi

We were thrilled to welcome author Yaa Gyasi to St. Andrew's via Zoom last Friday night. Yaa Gyasi is a Ghanaian-American novelist whose debut novel, *Homegoing*, is St. Andrew's all-school read for the 2020-2021 school year. *Homegoing* received the 2016 John Leonard Award for best first book from the National Book Critics Circle, the 2017 PEN/Hemingway Award, and an American Book Award. During her visit to SAS—envisioned and

coordinated by Dean of Teaching and Learning Elizabeth Roach—Gyasi talked with two groups of students, then was introduced to the community by school co-president Jill Tora '21 and held a reading and Q&A session moderated by Dean of Diversity Education Devin Duprey. Read more about Gyasi's visit [here](#).

Do You Like Podcasts? We've Got One For You!

We're excited to announce the launch of Talk of the T-Dock: the podcast about all things SAS. The first two episodes are now available [here](#) and wherever you listen to podcasts; they feature Nia Cross '21, Trey Ketzner '21, Zach Macalintal '24, and Akeelah Romeo '24, who share their experiences as Big/Little Sisters/Brothers.

V Form Parents College Counseling Meeting

A reminder that the College Counseling team will be hosting an informational Zoom for parents of the Class of 2022 this coming Tuesday, April 13, at 7:30 PM ET. You can join the meeting via Zoom [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, April 13

7:30 PM ET

V Form Parents College Counseling Meeting

Join via Zoom [here](#) — V Form parents only

Thursday, April 15

8:15 PM ET

Women's Network Book Club Discussion

Led by Elizabeth Roach & Emily Pressman, on Angels in America by Tony Kushner.

Register [here](#)

Prep materials available [here](#)

Tuesday, April 20

8:00 PM ET

Virtual Coast to Coast Toasts

For this year's virtual Toast, Head of School Tad Roach and Dean of Teaching & Learning Elizabeth Roach and a group of our current VI Form students will gather and share what they hold dear as they prepare to leave St. Andrew's.

Register [here](#)

Friday, April 23

8:00 PM ET

Math Lecture featuring Data Scientist Nick Berry

Mathematician [Nick Berry](#) has worked at Facebook and Microsoft, is a data privacy expert, and runs [Datagenetics](#), a math puzzles blog. Nick will speak to students about how mathematics can be applied to games.

Thursday, April 29

11:30 AM ET

Meet Head-Elect Joy McGrath '92

Chair of the Board of Trustees Scott Sipprelle '81 and Head of School Tad Roach will introduce Joy to the student body, and Joy will make a few remarks. Parents are invited to join us via livestream.

Click [here](#) to watch

In Case You Missed It

Friday, April 2

[Good Friday Chapel Service](#)

Sunday, April 4

[Easter Chapel Service](#)

Wednesday, April 8

[Wednesday Chapel featuring Ms. Duprey](#)

Thursday, April 9

[School Meeting & Holi Chapel](#)

Helpful Links

Athletics Videos & Recaps

Spring Semester Protocols & FAQs

Parent Visit Request Form

2021-2022 School Calendar

Virtual School Life Hub

It All Begins in the Classroom...

English 1 with Mr. Porter



English 1 with Mrs. Hurtt



History of Religious Thought with Mr. Kunen





AS Biology with Mr. O'Connell



Life in O'Brien

Drawing 1 & Painting 1



Andean Ensemble





Printmaking





Meanwhile, Elsewhere on Campus...

Scenes from School Meeting and our Holi Chapel this past Thursday.







Thanks to the co-heads of the South Asian Affinity Group—Marvi Ali '21, Sonal Bhatia '22, Arvin Vanikar '21, and Pranay Sanwal '22, seen here left to right—for organizing this awesome celebration!



The Class of 2021 enjoyed a pizza party thanks to their parents, who won a [Saints Fund giving participation challenge in February 2020](#). Since students never came back to campus in that school year, we held off throwing the party until this year. Class of 2022 parents tied in the challenge and juniors will be enjoying their pizza party next week. Don't worry—there will be future opportunities for parents to compete in giving participation challenges and win prizes for their students this spring!



The Duprey Advisory enjoyed an al fresco Easter dinner at Mrs. Duprey's house.



With Tracy Yuan '22 back on campus this spring, the Pressman Advisory was able to have its first FULL in-person weekly advisory dessert function in over a year! "Joyfully reunited and full of Derby pie," notes Ms. Pressman, "but that didn't help us take a less awkward picture than this, somehow..."



Earlier this week, the Ramirez Advisory surprised Señora on her birthday with a homemade card and a birthday song serenade on the sidelines of the Saints baseball game.



The chicks of "Noxon Flock" grow larger every day! They are being well cared for by Biology students and the Organic Gardeners.





SWAG organized an all-school 800-egg Easter Egg hunt last Sunday; most eggs contained candy, and some eggs contained excellent faculty prizes.



The Faculty Tennis Challenge is quickly becoming a weekend tradition at SAS. Varsity tennis teammates Cole Kay '21 and Philip Cronje '23 took on Mrs. Roach and Mr. Westman last Saturday, with faculty winning 6-3, 7-6.



Why not spend a rainy afternoon sliding down the Gully hill? Click the play button to watch! (Note: this activity is NOT an approved use of Dining Hall trays.)



Just hanging around....





We Leave You With This

Happy spring, to you and yours, from Ruthie.

