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SPX SCHEDULE

2/6	AT LAMAR	44-19	3/13	AT NOLA JESUIT	1PM
2/12	ST. THOMAS	28-29	3/15	AT BROTHER MARTIN	4PM
2/20	AT WEST HOUSTON	CNCLD	3/26	WEST HOUSTON*	7PM
3/5	AT STRAKE	7-31	4/15	STRAKE**	7PM
3/11	LAMAR	7PM	4/23	AT ST. THOMAS	7PM

*ALUMNI NIGHT

**SENIOR NIGHT

LAMAR SCHEDULE

2/6	ST. PIUS X	2PM	3/11	AT ST. PIUS X	7PM
2/19	AT ST. THOMAS	7PM	3/29	ST. THOMAS	2PM
2/27	STRAKE	2PM	4/9	AT STRAKE	7PM
3/6	AT WEST HOUSTON	1PM	4/17	WEST HOUSTON	2PM

PANTHER LINE-UP

NO.	NAME	YR
1	Alex Gutierrez	11
2	Juan Reyes	12
3	Mirko Dawson	11
4	Jack Birbeck	12
5	Brodie Scott	11
6	Michael Fite	11
7	Max Bright	11
8	Bre Citizen	12
9	Logan Landry	10
10	David Sipes	12
11	Andrew Lewis	9
12	Hayden Llorens*	11
13	Nathan Gonzales	12
14	Grant Stringfellow	11
15	Undra Ferrow	12
16	Donovan Armstead	10
17	Seth Pena	11
18	Jose Rivera	10
19	Andres Romero	11
20	Zach Amelang	9
21	Evan Neff	10
22	Tristan Acuna	10
23	Evan Narvaez	12

* CAPTAINS

ST. PIUS X COACHES & STAFF

HEAD COACH: DAVID SELBY
 ASSISTANT COACH: DAVID-JOHN SELBY
 TEAM LOGISTICS: LOWELL LOCKE
 HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER: JEREMY KALLUS
 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: JEFF FELLER
 SPORTS INFORMATION: KHADIJAH RAY
 HEAD OF SCHOOL: CARMEN GARRETT ARMISTEAD
 PRINCIPAL: RACHEL WARE



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TOURNAMENT RUGBY

Rugby at St. Pius X High School began in the fall of 2008 when Mr. Larry Monks, a teacher at SPX and former rugby player, introduced the sport on campus. It was originally formed as a club sport, which began playing as a Division II team in Texas. The team grew in numbers and skills in those early years becoming a very formidable opponent, winning the Texas State High School Division II Championship in 2010.

In 2011, the team became a varsity sport at SPX and was promoted up to Division I, allowing them to compete against the top teams state-wide. Although SPX has always been the smallest school-based rugby team in the state (based on student enrollment), it has almost always finished at or near the top of its league. Finishes included reaching the quarterfinals in 2012, 2013 and 2017, along with semifinals in 2011 and 2018, and recently being named state finalist in 2019.

Along the way, the program has produced many stellar athletes who have fared well at the collegiate level and beyond. After the 2011 season, Matt Schick was recruited by the University of Alabama and was recognized as an All-Southeastern Conference player for three years. He continued his career with the Austin Rugby Football Club as he pursued his master's degree at the University of Texas.

In 2013, two SPX players, Sebastian Schwartz and Chandler Clark, received full athletic scholarships to Wheeling Jesuit



University. Many other SPX rugby players have gone on to receive scholarships and grants, allowing them to play in college.

In 2012 and 2013, the team made its first two tours to New Orleans. In addition to competing in two matches, Coach Lowell Locke arranged community service projects. In 2012, the team served with Café Hope, a job training organization for cooks and restaurant workers designed to help recovering alcoholics. In 2013, the team helped rebuild and restock the food pantry at the New Orleans Ronald McDonald House, which was heavily damaged during Hurricane Katrina.

During the summer of 2013, longtime assistant coach Matt Cusimano died after a yearlong battle with cancer. Despite the pain, fatigue and weakness, he would attend every training session, sit in his folding chair and coach when he felt up to it. A rugby scholarship fund was established in his honor. Since 2014, over \$25,000 has been awarded to thirteen SPX rugby players to help with their post-SPX education.

In the spring of 2014, current SPX athletic trainer, Jeremy Kallus, received a request through the Fellowship of Christian Athletes from the Minister of Sport-Rugby in the Ukraine. They requested donations of rugby equipment and balls to distribute to local teams. SPX Rugby sent shirts, balls

FULL RUGBY

Доброго Дня Тренер! Я дуже радий!

Дякую Вам за підтримку та подарунки! Я дуже щасливий і надіюсь це не була незручність для вас і вашої команди. Я подарував футболки для хлопців з моєї команди. М'ячі які ви подарували допоможуть розпочати три нові команди з трьох великих університетів нашого міста, і ми зробимо змагання для них під назвою * КУБОК ТРЬОХ НАЦІЙ* Також ми запрошуємо Вас та Вашу команду до України щоб зробити разом табір або зіграти пару дружніх ігор у різних містах України.

Я надіюсь що це зацікавить Вас
Передайте привіт вашій команді!
Благословляю Вас, Вашу сім'ю! Ваш друг Павло Рожков
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Hallo Dear Couch! I very excited from you!

Thank you for your donation! I very happy and hope it is not difficult for you and your team. I present your t-shirts for my boys from team. Your balls will be help for open new three teams. Its three big university in our city and we give name this Cup *THREE NATION*

Oslo I want invited in Ukraine with your team and do together camp or trips in different city where you can play friendly game I hope it is interested for you!

Send Hi for your team!

Bless you, your Family! Your friend from Ukraine Pavlo Rozhkov (FCA RUGBY MINISTRY UKRAINE) \





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and other items to help the growing teams.

In 2015, the Panthers hosted and played in their first “international” match against St. Maximilian Kolbe High School from Toronto, Canada. It proved to be a huge success. Among the attendees was the sitting Mayor of the City of Houston, Anise Parker. She was introduced to players on both teams and presented the visitors with a city proclamation saluting their visit to Houston.

In 2017, Coach David Selby decided he wanted to help raise funds for SPX students in need of tuition assistance. The SPX rugby team asked for a “pass the hat” gate donation at that final home game to help raise money for need-based tuition assistance at SPX. This initiative exceeded expectations raising more than \$5,200.



Team Captain Parker Johnson presented the donations to Head of School Ms. Carmen Garrett Armistead.

Since 2016, members of the SPX Rugby program have helped the Salvation Army Houston-Northwest Corp facility’s annual “Angel Tree” Christmas program, which distributes gifts to area families in need. Team members hand out over 3,000 gift parcels during the two-day effort each year.



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