Known, Challenged, and Encouraged to Grow: The Martinez Family at St. Augustine



For the Martinez family, choosing a high school meant finding a place where academic growth, athletic opportunities, and Catholic faith go hand in hand. Their family's experience with St. Augustine Catholic High School began with their eldest daughter, Ozzly, who graduated in 2021. Today, her younger brothers, Nico and Peter, are continuing that experience, each discovering their own talents and passions as members of the Wolfpack.

Ozzly is now a senior at the University of Arizona, pursuing dual degrees in Criminal Justice and Law while working as a legal secretary for The Law Offices of Ralls and Willie P.C. Her parents describe her as a dedicated young woman who is paving the way for her younger brothers and encouraging them to become the best versions of themselves.

For the Martinez family, that journey reflects what they value most about St. Augustine: a community where students are challenged academically, encouraged to explore their interests, and supported in their Catholic faith.

"We wanted a place where they can be challenged and encouraged while having guidance and opportunities for growth," the family shared.

Nico and Peter have embraced those opportunities through academics and athletics. Nico, a basketball team captain and varsity starter, learned firsthand that persistence pays off. After struggling when he first joined the basketball team, he dedicated himself to improving his skills through summer workouts, running, and training. With the encouragement of Coach Joseph Payne, who believed in his potential, Nico worked his way into a starting position and became a team captain as a sophomore.

Peter discovered his passion for wrestling during his freshman year. What began as an unexpected interest has grown into a serious commitment, with his sights set on reaching the state tournament. Both brothers have explored different sports, discovering new interests while developing leadership skills, perseverance, and confidence.

"Having room to explore different activities helps my children learn more about themselves," their parents explained.

Beyond athletics, the family values the relationships their sons have built with teachers and coaches who know them personally, celebrate their accomplishments, and encourage them through challenges. Their Catholic faith remains at the center of their St. Augustine experience, strengthened through theology classes, school Masses, and opportunities to connect faith with everyday life.

“Because everyone is well known, it is very easy to be heard and supported within their education,” the family shared. “The smaller school community also strengthens the relationships our children have with teachers and their peers.”

As Nico and Peter prepare for life beyond high school, their parents are proud of the young men they are becoming: more independent, confident, and committed to leading by example. They see St. Augustine as a place that prepares students not only for college and careers, but also for a life grounded in faith, strong values, and service to others.

For the Martinez family, St. Augustine is a community that has supported Ozzly as she takes the next steps in her education and career, while continuing to help Nico and Peter discover their gifts and grow into the people God calls them to be.

At St. Augustine, students are known as individuals, encouraged to try new things, and supported as they discover their potential during high school and long after graduation.