

Saints Star Award

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Tony Hoglund

The Saints Star Award was established to publicly recognize St. Francis Area Schools staff, students, and community members at a School Board Meeting to highlight the positive and impactful work happening in the district. A listing of past Saints Star Award recipients can be found on the School Board website.

We are proud to present the first Saints Star Award of the 2026-27 school year to community member Tony Hoglund for sharing his outstanding photography talents and countless giving of gigabytes to St. Francis High School Activities and Athletics.

Tony has been a staple on the sidelines at Saints events for nearly 15 years. He started taking photos at the high school as a parent in 2012 and his role has increased over the years with the amount of events he covers and sports he works with. A member of the SFAS community since 1978, Tony is a 1992 graduate of St. Francis High School. His wife, Ruth, and four children are also all graduates of SFHS.

Kyle Waterworth, the girls basketball head coach, said, "For years, Tony has been capturing memories and generously sharing them with our players, coaches, and families. My favorite photo captured the heart of high school sports: an intense overtime moment in a section championship, a team entirely invested, and our St. Francis community standing behind their Saints. This photo hangs proudly in my classroom, where students relive that magic every day."

Adam Weirman, the girls soccer head coach, said, "The soccer girls absolutely love his photos! He does such a great job of capturing the live moment. So grateful for all his work!"

Nate Burr, the wrestling head coach, said, "Tony plays such an important role in telling the Saints story through his photography, bringing a positive spirit that lifts everyone around him. His amazing ability to capture our most meaningful moments ensures our student-athletes' journeys are never forgotten. Words of appreciation are not a big enough reward for his incredible dedication. Tony is a true Saints Star!"

Robbie Whitney, the boys basketball head coach, added, "Tony does an amazing job telling the story of St. Francis athletics through his photos. For our basketball team, he is excellent at capturing the emotions and intensity of our players as they lay it all out on the court together."

When asked why he gives so much of his time and talents to SFHS, he said: "Honestly, I'm a fan. It is a way that I can give back to the students, parents, and school. I'm hoping it allows parents a little more time to enjoy the events and not worry so much about capturing pictures."

Please help me show our appreciation for Tony and his contributions to the district!