



St. Augustine's School Newsletter



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MERRY CHRISTMAS On behalf of the faculty and staff at St. Augustine's, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please remember to stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone in January.

CHRISTMAS RECESS PreK- grade 6 is on vacation through January 2nd. Nursery will be closed tomorrow and Monday. Nursery will be open next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only. Nursery will also be closed on Monday January 2nd.

PARENT GUILD MEETING Our *Parent Guild* will meet on Tuesday, January 10th, at 7:00 in the Art Room. As always, dinner and child care will be provided. All are invited. Please come and share your ideas.

½ DAY OF SCHOOL This is just a reminder that Friday, January 13th is a half day of school for PreK through Grade 6 due to a Teachers' Conference. Dismissal will be at 11:00. The Nursery School will be open regular hours.

NEW CALENDAR ITEM There will be NO SCHOOL for Kindergarten – grade 6 on Friday March 9th. Prek will have a half day with dismissal at 10:45. Nursery will be open as usual. We will be hosting a professional development day focusing on the new Common Core Curriculum. More information will follow.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS All children PreK – 6 (non-UPK) will be attending the 9:30 1st Friday Mass on January 6th. Please consider joining us!

ENROLLMENT GROWTH TEAM Thank you to the following individuals who agreed to be members of our Enrollment Growth Team. We will meet each Tuesday night for 10 weeks (not including school breaks), collect and study data, and create clear objectives and strategies for the future. Our first meeting was organizational in nature, but I can say I am extremely affirmed by the conversations that took place. TEAM MEMBERS: Beth Macey – Leader, Joanne Marcario, Lauren Nevins, Laurie Dahl, Christina Sanvidge, Carol Martinelli, Phillip Parella, Bob Guzzo, Joe Slichko and Fr. Jim.



SCIENCE FAIR MEETING On Wednesday January 4th, there will be a meeting from 6:30-7:30 in the school Library for any parent (grades 3-6) who would like more information about this year's Science Fair and what is being required.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS & DELAYS School closing and delays can be found on the web pages of all local news stations. They will also be posted on TV channels 6, 9, 10, and 13, as well as heard on radio stations WFLY (FM 92.3) and WRVE (99.5) as well as on our Facebook page. Unless there's a phone problem, the information will also be on the answering machine at school. We do NOT necessarily follow the Lansingburgh School District with emergency closing/delays. Our Nursery School does not close for inclement weather.

NEXT TO NEW SALE St. Augustine's school is actively collecting used items of all kinds for our Next to New Sale. For those who may not be familiar with this annual event, it can be easily described as a 'Garage Sale' or 'Rummage Sale'. This time of year is perfect for cleaning house and getting rid of items you no longer want or use. For the past 2 years this sale has been fun and successful. Items you wish to donate may be left in the school office, or in the hallway outside the office. We hope to have information updated on our website shortly, however if you have any questions, you may contact Serena McIntyre @ 225-0385 or serena.m.mcintyre@gmail.com

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL WITH ONECAUSE.COM This free fundraising program helps you support St. Augustine's when you shop online. Here's how it works: Register with OneCause.com and choose St. Augustine School, ID#116907 as your school to support. Start your shopping at OneCause.com, click to your favorite stores, and you'll automatically contribute up to 20% of your eligible purchases to St. Augustine's, at no extra cost to you. So every time you buy clothes, shoes or even plane tickets, you can save money and help our school! It's so easy. Help us make a difference by joining OneCause today. You're going to buy stuff anyway... Make it count! Thanks to Ms. Abatemarco for organizing this for us!

ADOPT A CLASSROOM Our Adopt-a-Class Program continues again this year. If you or your company would like to make a donation to St. Augustine's School this is a very effective way of doing it. For a minimum of \$500 you can adopt one of our classrooms – any one you want. Or you can designate your donation as a “Principal's Choice” and it will be used where the principal sees the most need. Adoption Forms can be picked up in the school office or found on our website at www.staugustinesschool.org. Every cent of your donation goes toward our need, there are no administrative expenses. Donations are normally tax deductible.

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