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# St. Augustine's School Newsletter

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**WINTER BREAK** PreK though Grade 6 will be closed next week for Presidents' Week. The Nursery school will be closed Monday only.

**1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY MASS** All children PreK – 6 (non-UPK) will be attending the 9:30 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please consider joining us!

**REGISTRATIONS** Forms have been sent home for all current students. Please return them as soon as possible so we can secure a seat for you next year. Anyone that would like to discuss finances should schedule a meeting with Mr. Slichko or Fr. Jim.

**CHEESCAKE/FLOWER SALE** Our Cheesecake/Flower sale runs through the 27<sup>th</sup>. All cheesecakes come frozen for your convenience. Cheesecakes of all varieties make the perfect dessert for your Easter celebration. Order a few and support St. Augustine's School. If you aren't in the mood for a sweet treat then take a look at the amazing variety of bulbs and flowers to select from. Flowers will brighten any day so get some for your friends and family. What better way to celebrate the new life that Spring offers! Pick-up is Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 – 6:00 in the Hall.

**OPEN HOUSE** Our final Open House for this year is on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:45 until 2:00. All of our teachers will be here and it will be an excellent time to meet next year's teacher and hear about her programs. We will also combine this event with our **ART SHOW** this year. Coffee and snacks will be available thanks to our *Parent Guild*.

**NEW PROGRAM BEGINNING** Starting as early as next week (for the upper grades), we will have a guest from the Albany Diocese visiting our school every Tuesday – Stelianos Canallatos. He will meet with each grade to discuss different ways kids can be safe, make healthy choices, avoid the pressures of adolescence, and have positive peer interactions. The two programs are:

**APPLE-A-DAY** (grades K-4) An Apple A Day© is ACCA's literacy-based alcohol and substance abuse prevention program that focuses on building self-esteem and developing healthy habits in children.



Our program begins in Kindergarten and is delivered each year for eight weeks, through the fourth grade, so that we are able to reach children on a regular basis long before underage drinking behaviors are established.

**SECOND STEP** (grades 5 & 6) Middle school: It's the place where adolescents can develop positive coping skills—or risky ones. The research-based SECOND STEP program helps your students learn the protective skills to make good choices and stay engaged in school despite the pitfalls of substance abuse, bullying, cyber bullying, and peer pressure.

Middle school lessons require little prep time and are used in tandem with an interactive DVD. Interviews with real kids who talk about real issues draw your students in; games, exercises, and skill practice make it fun.

More information about these programs will be available as the program for your child's specific grade approaches.

**MAGNETS/BRACELETS** We have car magnets (\$5.00) and bracelets (\$2.00) available in the main office. These items are not fundraisers, simply a way to show school pride and help promote our great school.

**NEW CALENDAR ITEM** There will be NO SCHOOL for Kindergarten – grade 6 on Friday March 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY BUFFET** The 6<sup>th</sup> graders will host their first fundraiser on March 11, 2012. It is their St. Patrick's Day Breakfast Buffet. It will run from 8:00 am – 1:30 pm. The cost is \$8 – adults, \$4 – children, and children under 4 yrs old are free. All proceeds go toward the 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation trip to Plymouth, MA. Mark your calendars now! There will be great food, music and good company.

**BOXTOPS** Please remember to send in your BOXTOPS to school. Also, we do not collect soup labels. Thank you for your continued support.



**A FUNDRAISER WHERE WE DON'T WANT YOUR MONEY** If you have items you no longer want or need, please consider donating your unwanted items to St Augustine's for our annual Next to New Sale. We accept items of all kinds: books, toys, clothes, glassware, crafts, seasonal decorations, electronics, antiques, jewelry, tools, baby items, furniture, ... whatever you have, we will gladly take off your hands! Your donations may be dropped off in the main office during school hours. Please check our website for updated information about this event. If you are interested in helping with this event please contact Serena McIntyre @ 225-0385 or [serena.m.mcintyre@gmail.com](mailto:serena.m.mcintyre@gmail.com)

**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](http://www.staugustinesschool.org) . Every cent of your donation goes toward our need, there are no administrative expenses. Donations are normally tax deductible.

**MIMI'S FUN FACTORY** Looking for something to do over February Break? Consider taking the short drive to Mimi's Fun Factory <http://mimisfunfactory.com/> . There is a lot to do, especially for the younger children (ages 3-5). Mimi has designated this Wednesday (February 21<sup>st</sup> ) as St. Augustine's day, meaning 1/2 price for anyone who says they are from St. Augustine's. We thank Mimi for her support!

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