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# St. Augustine's School Newsletter

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**SUMMER PROGRESS** We have been busy over the past month both in and out of the building. Several maintenance issues have arisen that have required some attention. Due to a backed-up drain, we have had some major work done on our basement under the old convent. In addition to general clean-up and sanitation, we have removed the damaged and contaminated walls (mostly wood paneling) and other contaminated items that were stored in this area. This has been a blessing in disguise as this health issue has been addressed aggressively.

I thank Mrs. Bartholomew and Ms. Bowser for attending a curriculum mapping workshop through the Albany Diocese last week. Their work will be brought back to our entire faculty for discussion and implementation. This is an important step in updating our curriculum.

Thanks to Mrs. Brown for creating this new design for our newsletter. The new look is much appreciated!

I have spent the past month meeting with teachers, parents and community members. Our conversations have been wonderful and very encouraging. If you would like to stop in to talk, please feel free to do so. I value your input and ideas.

**SUMMER MAILING** Our summer mailing will be going out the 1st week of August to all registered families. Please look for this important information.

**NEW STUDENT REGISTRATIONS** We are still accepting new registrations during the summer months. If you, or someone you know, is interested in St. Augustine's School, please stop by or give us a call.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** The office will be open each day this summer from 9:00 until 1:00.

**CALLING ALL PAINTERS** I would love to be able to put a fresh coat of paint on our cafeteria walls. I would like to incorporate our school colors to liven up this space. I need your help to do this. I think with a good crew, we could accomplish this in 2 or 3 days/evenings. Please contact me at school if you are willing and able to help with this small, but significant project!

**CAFETERIA WORKER NEEDED** We need one part-time (6 hours a day) cafeteria worker. Applicants are required to be able to lift 50 pounds, stand for 6 hours, run a commercial slicer and dishwasher and be comfortable serving students food in a kind and pleasant manner. Interested individuals should contact the school office.

**HEALTH ISSUE** I am looking into getting an AED (automated external defibrillator) for our building. I believe this is a safety issue that must be addressed. I have received a grant through AEDgrant.com, but it was not enough to cover the full cost. If anyone has access to getting an AED machine through your work or would like to donate a machine to the school, please contact me ASAP. Also, your employer may like to donate one as well. We would certainly recognize the donor in a prominent way. Please help as we strive to make St. Augustine's the safest possible environment for your children.

~ Mr. Slichko

**NURSES CORNER** *Just a reminder that New York State Education Law mandates that school children have a physical exam at the following grade levels: PreK, K, 2, 4, and all newly entering students. As part of your child's education and in recognition of a desirable health practice, the annual exam should be done by your doctor. The completed form for your doctor should be returned to the health office by September 30<sup>th</sup>.*

*All kindergarten children must have had 2 measles vaccines before entering school in September. This documentation must be received by September 6<sup>th</sup>.*

*Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders – Students who are 11 years of age or older must receive the Tdap vaccine before the start of school. This is mandated by NYS Education Law. 10 year old students will be tracked by the school nurse and will be required to be immunized when they turn 11 years old.*

*Lin Delaney RN  
School Nurse*