



St. Augustine's School Newsletter



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“Family Centered Education Since 1869”

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PAUL VANDENBURGH TO BROADCAST LIVE FROM ST. AUGUSTINE’S As part of Catholic Schools Week, we will have Paul Vandenburg broadcast his morning show (AM 1300) live from school on Tuesday January 31st from 6:00 – 10:00 am. We thank Phillip Parella from our Enrollment Team for doing all the “leg work” to make this happen. Also, thank you to all those who donated to offset the nominal fee. Please tune in and tell your friends and family. This will be a great way to publicize our school!

PRAYER SERVICE Our 4th grade will prepare a Prayer Service this Thursday at 8:00 on the second floor of school. All are invited.

DRESS DOWN DAY We will have a Dress Down Day this coming Friday. The proceeds will go toward the Humane Society. The cost will be EITHER \$2.00 or a donation of ANY ONE of the following items: towels, blankets, dog/cat food/treats, paper towels, puppy/kitten food, shoe boxes, kitty litter, hand sanitizer or bleach.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK Catholic Schools Week is coming up fast! It is an important week for Catholic Schools throughout the country. This year Catholic Schools week begins on Sunday, January 29th and runs through the following Friday. Many interesting and exciting things will happen during Catholic Schools Week, beginning with **Mass at 11:30** followed by our first (of two) Open Houses – Sunday January 29th from 12:45 – 2:00. Some of our school-wide activities are as follows:

- Monday Jan 30 – Scavenger Hunt for grades 2-6
- Tuesday Jan 31 – Paul Vandenburg broadcasts, Special Persons day (Mrs. Burak’s and Ms. Bower’s Pre K’s), Picnic (K & 4)
- Wednesday Feb 1 – Pajama Day, Movie/Popcorn Day (after lunch – whole school)
- Thursday Feb 2 – Class Color Day (see below), Ice Cream Party during lunch periods
- Friday Feb 3 – Mass @ CCHS with the Bishop, Special Persons Day (K – 2)

Of course, each classroom will have its own activities throughout the week.



CLASS COLORS:

Nursery	Denim	PK1 (Grasso)	Black & White
PK2 (Nevins)	Red	PK3 (Burak)	Blue
PK4 (Bowser)	Stripes	Kindergarten	Fluorescent
Grade 1	Orange	Grade 2	Tie-Dye
Grade 3	Yellow	Grade 4	Green
Grade 5	Purple	Grade 6	Pink

NEW UNIFORMS On Thursday, the School Board voted to approve our new uniforms for next school year. I thank the Parent Guild for all of their work and support in this endeavor. Once we have actual samples of the uniforms, not just the fabric, we will publish them on our website along with a price list. We have switched uniform companies and are happy to announce we will now be doing business with B.Lodge & Co. located on N. Pearl Street in Albany. Their prices and customer service are second to none! I am sure we will all be very happy with their service and vast inventory.

SMART BOARDS ARE HERE!! Thanks to the success of our Adopt-a-Classroom program, we were able to purchase 4 Smart Boards and 4 LCD projectors for our classrooms. They will be placed in our 1st, 3rd, 5th and 6th grades (2nd grade already has one) **THIS WEEK**. We would love to fill all of our classrooms with Smart Boards, especially Kindergarten and 4th grade, ASAP. If you, or your employer, are able to donate toward this cause, please contact Mr. Slichko.

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.

ENROLLMENT GROWTH TEAM Our enrollment team met for 2 ½ hours this past Tuesday and presented information on other area schools, both public and private. We looked at strengths and weaknesses of those schools and, in turn, our own strengths and weaknesses. We also spent a great deal of time discussing marketing opportunities for the near future. Finally, we finalized a “tag line” for the school: ***“Family Centered Education Since 1869.”*** Next week we will look at some strategic opportunities that we may be able to capitalize on immediately.

CAR MAGNETS Car magnets are on sale in the main office for \$5. This is NOT a fundraiser. We are simply trying to break even. Also, St. Augustine’s bracelets and lanyards will be coming soon! Show your school spirit with these inexpensive items.

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.

COLONIE CENTER SCHOOL BUCKS The Barnes and Nobles book fair was a success! While we received a little more than \$200 dollars of the proceeds, we also received 5,000 points toward the Colonie School Bucks Program. Please bring your receipts for purchases made within the last 60 days at the Colonie Center Mall to the drop boxes (located in the main office and Rectory) so that the school can receive credit for your purchases. If you do not wish to give your receipts to the school, simply stop by the Colonie Center Mall Customer Service desk and submit receipts for St. Augustine's. Thank you for your support!

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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