



St. Augustine's School Newsletter



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OPEN HOUSE We will have our 1st Open House this Sunday from 12:45 -2:00, following our school liturgy at 11:30. This event is for current and perspective students alike. Come in and meet your child’s teachers for the next few years. Come and see our new Smart Boards. Talk to some perspective parents and students. Come and see your child help out with activities in his/her classroom. We will also be accepting Registrations for next school year at that time. We do need students to “re-register” each year, so we can have an accurate count. We anticipate large numbers in our Pre K, Kindergarten and 1st grades, so ensure your seat today.

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 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!

ART SHOW WINNERS Congratulations to the following students who will have their work represented in the Diocesan Art Show in Albany next week. The opening is Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 in the South Concourse of the Plaza.

Cassidy Call-6	Candace Moon-5
Kaitlin Moore-4	Gabriel Purcell-4
Jacob Zakrzewski-3	Raegan McGowan-3
Londan Witter –2	Jorge Estevez-2
Gabriele Pasinella-2	Brayden Maloney -1
Camrin Watson -1	Anya Roe-K
Vernette Brefo-K	Mary Neilson--PreK-Bowser
Nicholas Colucci –PreK-Nevins	Michael Leonard–PreK-Grasso
Evarista Tarlo–PreK-Burak	

REPORT CARDS Second quarter report cards will be sent home with the students on Friday February 3rd.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday and runs through 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 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

PRE K PARENTS – KINDERGARTEN SCREENING Several Pre K families have received phone calls from Lansingburgh School District requesting that you bring your child in for Kindergarten screening. If you are planning on staying at St. Augustine's for Kindergarten, you can disregard this phone call. Once again, Lansingburgh does not have to screen your Pre K child if you are returning to St. Augustine's next year.

NEW UNIFORMS 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.

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.

ENROLLMENT GROWTH TEAM Our team met this past Tuesday and discussed several marketing objectives. The proposal will be submitted to our School Board for approval shortly. Once approved, we will announce our advertising/marketing plan.



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

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.

Mr. Slichko

Principal



St. Augustine's School Scavenger Hunt

January 30, 2012

Name _____ Number of items found: _____

See how many of these things you can collect over the weekend and bring them to school Monday in item #1. The class that finds the most items from the list wins a Snowman ice cream cone or a pizza party (teacher choice). Unless otherwise noted, we are looking for the actual item, not a photo or replicate.

1. brown bag with your name on it
2. "St. Augustine's" clothing – non-uniform items only
3. picture of you with anyone "famous"
4. a bar of hotel soap
5. Canadian or Mexican coin
6. our scavenger hunt list from 2011
7. a library card
8. a green lollipop
9. a music tape (before CD's)
10. a hanger
11. a maple leaf
12. a business card of a dentist
13. an acorn
14. piece of pink chalk
15. St. Augustine's Church bulletin for Sunday 1/29/12
16. any Star Wars item
17. silver crayon
18. a restaurant napkin
19. a receipt for 30 cents worth of gas
20. a change of address card from the post office
21. a take-out menu from a restaurant located in Lansingburgh
22. a "buy one get one free" coupon
23. an item with a Disney Parks logo on it
24. a mango
25. Mrs. Fox's original signature (Special Ed. Teacher)
26. St. Augustine's paper with an "A", "100" "Excellent", "star" or "happy face"
27. a basketball player's card (like a baseball card, but for the NBA)
28. a hair salon's price list
29. crescent wrench
30. a purple jelly bean
31. a Green Bay Packers Game ticket stub
32. a free promotional pen (must have company's name on it)
33. a St. Augustine's Car magnet
34. a photo of an out of state license plate
35. a "beware of dog" sign
36. A schedule of activities or a pamphlet from a local nursing home or senior citizens center

