



St. Augustine's School Newsletter



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PARKING Please remember that it is illegal (and dangerous to our students) to double park or park in a crosswalk. I know that it is cold outside, but please find a place to park on the street or in the parking lot at the Boys and Girls Club.

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 our first (of two) Open Houses – Sunday January 29th from 12:45 – 2:00. More information on the fun and festivities will be coming soon.

1ST PENANCE RETREAT The First Communion Class (2nd grade) will have a retreat this Saturday (tomorrow) from 9:00 – 11:30 in the Cafeteria. Parents are welcome to stay and participate.

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.

ENROLLMENT GROWTH TEAM Our team met for two hours this past Tuesday. We look at enrollment trends over the past 5 years and identified areas of concern. We also had a lengthy discussion about marketing and recruitment. In order for us to move forward with the process, we need to know what our current parents' opinions are of our school. You received a survey Wednesday night. If it has not been returned yet, please do so on Monday. Your honest and confidential opinions are important to us. We need to know both our strengths and weaknesses from many different perspectives. Any student that returned the survey by TODAY will receive a free DRESS DOWN DAY on



THURSDAY of next week. All students in a family will qualify with one survey returned. Also, the Pre K room with the most returns will receive a special party.

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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