



St. Augustine's School Newsletter



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HONOR ROLL Congratulations to all who made the 1st quarter Honor and Merit Rolls! Please see the attached list.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS Our Pre K – 6th graders (non UPK) will celebrate Mass for the Immaculate Conception this coming Thursday December 8th at 9:30 am. Please consider joining us for this Holy Day of Obligation.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT Our Christmas Concerts are as follows: Nursery and all Pre K's – Monday December 5th at 7:00; Kindergarten through grade 6 – Tuesday December 6th at 7:00. Students should be in the cafeteria by 6:45 at the absolute latest. And remember, the Book Fair will be open prior to the event!

SANTA BREAKFAST Parent Guild's *Breakfast with Santa* fundraiser is this Sunday. We are seeking volunteers to help set-up (Saturday evening), serve, greet patrons, take pictures, and clean up at the end of the event. If you are interested in helping, please send a message to Kristin Zakrzewski at sas2ndgrade@yahoo.com.

VICTORIAN STROLL Also on Sunday, our Fr. Flanigan Marching Band will participate in the Victorian Stroll in Troy (www.troyvictorianstroll.com). The Band will perform at the Atrium, Broadway and 3rd Street, from 3:30 -4:00. Please join us in support of the area's only elementary Marching Band!

BOOK FAIR Our Christmas Book Fair is this week. Students will be scheduled to browse and make a "wish list" during the school days. Parents are invited to come to their respective Christmas Concerts early (see above) with their child's wish list and purchase books at that time. Our Book Fair has a greater selection of children books than most books stores. Books make great Christmas gifts and they are a gift that keeps on giving. Our librarian, Mrs. Segreto, will be here to help you make appropriate selections for your purchases. All profits from the Book Fair go toward the updating of our Library, so your support is appreciated by all. **We are in need of volunteers to help man the book fair this week and at the Christmas Concerts. Please contact school if you are available.**

PARENT GUILD MEETING Our next *Parent Guild* meeting will be Wednesday at 7:00 in the Library. We will be discussing a *possible* change in uniform for next year at that time. We will also discuss a possible new fund raiser for next year. Hopefully, we will have chocolate samples available! As always, dinner and child care will be provided. Please come and share your ideas. **Helpers are needed to stay after the meeting to take inventory of the North Pole Shop items. Please consider staying for a few minutes to help out. Thank you!**



6TH GRADE ADVENT The 6th Graders began their Advent prayer circle with a blessing, Bible reading and meditation. Their Advent waiting will be filled with service and prayer intentions. Please see our website/Facebook page for pictures.

SCHOOL BANKING REMINDER Please remember to use your blue banking bags for deposits on Tuesdays. Also, anyone who brings their report card in to Mrs. Lewis in Kindergarten will receive a \$10 credit to their account!

NORTH POLE SHOP On December 13th, the Parent Guild will be organizing a North Pole Shop at school. The students will be brought over by class and given the opportunity to purchase quality, inexpensive items for Christmas. More information will soon follow. We are in need of quality items to sell. Please consider donating NEW, UNOPENED gifts. Items we are looking for include ornaments, mugs and anything a child would like to give to a parent, grandparent, sibling, etc. For more information, please contact the Parent Guild at the above email.

COLONIE SCHOOL BUCKS PROGRAM Did you make purchases at the Colonie Center Mall? Give credit to St. Augustine's School by dropping your receipts off in the boxes at the Parish or in the main office at school. If you would like to keep your receipts, simply stop by the Colonie Center Customer Service desk after you've finished shopping and provide the school name, show your receipt, and allow them to stamp it! It's that simple! Also, on Thursday December 15, 2011, we will be having a book sell in Barnes & Nobles! So, for those of you who plan to purchase books for the holidays, stop by on **December 15, 2011** so that we can have a successful day. Lawrencia Colon will be there **between 12:00-9:00** p.m. If you are interested in helping please leave a message with the main office. We look forward to your continued support.

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!

PENNIES FOR SCHOLARSHIP Each classroom will be collecting pennies/change throughout the school year. We will then pool that money together and provide a scholarship for a current student returning to St. Augustine's next school year. This is a great way that we can help support a member of our St. Augustine's family.

Mr. Slichko, Principal

HEALTH NEWS *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 MUST be returned to the health office by January 3, 2012.*

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