



St. Augustine's School Newsletter



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NEWSLETTER EVERY FRIDAY For those of you who are new to the school this year, you should know that a *Newsletter* goes home with all children each week on Fridays (or the last day of the week). It is also posted on our website Friday mornings. We also have extra copies in the office. The *Newsletter* is how you are kept up to date on things happening at school. It also will contain any changes in the school calendar that may occur. Please read it faithfully so you will know what is going on.

OPEN HOUSE Our Annual Open House/Meet the teachers will be next Thursday evening. The evening will start in our cafeteria (under the gym) at 6:45. We will have coffee and snacks. Our speakers will begin promptly at 7:15. You will hear from me, Fr. Spenard – Pastor of St. Augustine's Church- , President of our school board, and President of our *Parent Guild*. All of our teachers will be introduced, including our special area teachers – who many of you have not met. Our teachers will do two back to back 25 minute presentations so parents with more than one child in the school can hear two teachers. While I realize most PreK and Kindergarten parents were in this week, Thursday will have many details that were not covered earlier.

FIRST PARENT GUILD MEETING Please mark your calendars for the first *Parent Guild* meeting of the year. It will be next Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00 in our library. Many hands make light work. Please come and see how you might help out. The meetings are short, always less than an hour but extremely productive and informative.

UNCLE SAM PARADE AND OUR BAND Mrs. Meister has left us, with regret, to pursue a full-time position. We welcome our new Director, Mr. Bryan Bee, who comes to us with a wealth of experience and enthusiasm. Our Fr. Flanigan Band will be marching in the Uncle Sam Parade here in Lansingburgh on Sunday, September 18th. Students should be in the Hall no later than 10:00 to get uniformed up. The bus will be picking us up at the hall. After the parade, we will be bussed back to the Hall. I am estimating that students should be ready for pick up at the Hall at about 2:15. They will be bussed back immediately after the parade, so if you watch the parade progress you can update this estimate yourself. We are going to need some parents to help us get the children uniformed up and march with us. If your child will be marching with us, please consider staying with us to help out. Thank you. For everyone else, we hope to see you supporting us from the sidewalk!

AFTERCARE for K – 6 begins on Monday, September 12th. Students must be pre-registered to stay for Aftercare.

FRIDAY COFFEE CONTINUES Last year we began offering coffee and a snack in the hallway on the first floor on Friday mornings. This was very successful and will be continuing this year. It is very convenient for PreK parents waiting until the classrooms open at 7:50, but is available for any parents/staff that may be in the building at that time.

LIBRARY NEWS Mrs. Marcantonio, our librarian, has accepted a full-time position elsewhere. Our new librarian is Mrs. Linda Segreto. We welcome Mrs. Segreto and her years of experience as a librarian to our school.

CUSTODIAN We would also like to officially welcome Mr. Michael Murphy as our new custodian. Mr. Murphy has been with us for about two weeks now and the building looks great! Many thanks to the long hours Mr. Murphy has put in so far. It shows!

BAND St. Augustine's School is the only elementary school in the Diocese with a marching band. Our Fr. Flanigan Marching Band is open to all 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. Thanks to Ms. Donna Megan and her *T. K.'s Booster Club* Bingos every Thursday, students receive the loan of an instrument, a free lesson each week, loan of a uniform and free transportation to and from parades. Mr. Bee will soon meet with interested grade 3 – 6 students to promote the band. A permission slip will be handed out shortly. Fr. Flanigan was a graduate of St. Augustine's School. Band lessons are on Fridays but additional practice times may be announced to prepare for upcoming events.

UPCOMING FUND RAISING One of the reasons St. Augustine's continues to thrive and flourish is because of the support we get from our parents and families with fundraising. While it costs about \$5,000 to educate each of our students, we don't ask our families to come up with this amount. Next Friday our fall catalog sale begins. Students will be bringing home catalog sales kits. The sale lasts for only two weeks. Money should be collected as orders are taken. The following Friday, our *Entertainment* book sale begins. Each family will be bringing home an *Entertainment* book to sell. Your support of these important fund raisers is appreciated.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION While there are many gimmicks to entice parents to buy products to support their schools, the *Box Tops for Education* program is real. We are able to get ten cents for each label brought in. If each child brought in five labels a week, we would have more than \$4,000 by the end of the year. You will find these labels on many products you buy. We have a drop off box in the hall outside the office.

COLONIE CENTER SCHOOL BUCKS PROGRAM Please turn in your receipts from Colonie Center stores, including the movies. Every dollar you spend earns the school one "buck" in the program. At the end of the program, the schools with the highest number of "bucks" win cash prizes, including the grand prize of \$8000. Turn in your receipts at school, in the collection basket, or in the box at the back of church. If you

would like to keep a copy, we would be happy to photocopy your receipt at school.
Thank you for your support!

PRICE CHOPPER SCHOOL FOR TOOLS
HANNAFORD HELPS SCHOOL

Please see the attached forms for EASY fundraising opportunities through your local grocery stores. It only takes a minute to sign up for these programs, but the reward the school receives is tremendous. Please help us in this effort!

CYO BASKETBALL SIGN UP St. Augustine's Boys and Girls CYO basketball sign up is next week. There are clinics for grades 1 – 3 (\$20 per player) and CYO Basketball for \$30 per player/\$45 per family [for parishioners] and \$35 per player/\$50 per family [for non parishioners] due after tryouts. Sign up is Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week from 5:30 until 8:00 p.m. in the Hall (gym) across from the school. You can email your questions to infostaugustinecyo@nycap.rr.com .

PARENT FACT SHEET Please see the attached Parent Fact Sheet from the Diocese regarding keeping your children safe.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE All children in Pre K, Kindergarten, Grade 2 and Grade 4 need a physical exam for the current year on file in the health office as mandated by New York State. Also needed on file is a current copy of immunizations of students in all grades. Every year I need an updated emergency card for all students with current phone numbers for home, cell and work. It is very important to notify us if any of the numbers change.

Please do not send any peanut snack or products made with peanut oil to school without first checking with the classroom teacher or myself. We have an increase in the number of children with peanut allergies.

If you have any questions or medical concerns, please feel free to call my office during my working hours – Mon, Tue, Thu – 8:30-12:30; Wed & Fri – 9:30-12:30.

Lin Delaney, RN
School Nurse

SPECIAL THANK YOU Thank you to the following businesses for their support of our school:

Joey's Pizzeria (see below) – for providing a delicious luncheon for our faculty and staff this past Wednesday.

Price Chopper – For providing a light breakfast for our faculty and staff this past Wednesday.

Diamond Spring Water – For donating a new water cooler for our students to use in the cafeteria during lunch time.



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