



ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
PARENT BULLETIN
December 1, 2023

St. Augustine Catholic School nurtures children in their God-centered faith journey, while promoting academic excellence, individual growth, and life-long service inspired by the Gospel.

St. Augustine does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, English proficiency or disability.

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

We will gather together next week to celebrate the first week of Advent by sharing an Advent Wreath Lighting with our students and staff. I'm so excited to share this experience together because it helps to bring Jesus closer to our hearts. We will continue weekly through Advent!

This month's "Partners in Faith" gives parents suggestions to (re)discover and preserve peace and joy in your family this year during Advent. It also reminds us that Christmas ends on December 26 for many people, but for Catholics, Christmas Day is just the beginning of the Christmas season and offers some fun ways to let your Christmas joy last the whole season. Through all the shopping, wrapping, baking and giving, Jesus gives us peace, purpose and perspective. Spending time with Jesus each day during Advent and Christmas, through attending Mass and daily prayer, helps to keep our focus on what is most important. Included in your Blue Folder is the 2023 Family Advent Calendar with ideas for a joyful Christmas and fruitful Advent season!

CHRISTMAS THEMED SHIRTS

Students may now wear Christmas-themed shirts to school. We ask that they refrain from wearing them on Mass days; and please remember to keep them school-appropriate.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE

Make plans to visit our Parish Christmas House December 1, 2, 3, 2023. There will be a variety of crafts, gifts, decorations, cheese balls, cookies, meals, and more. Refer to the Facebook page "St. Augustine 2023 Christmas House" for more details.

A MIRACLE AT MIDNIGHT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Thursday, December 14 @ 7:00 PM

St. Augustine School Gym

Doors will open at 6:40 PM. At this time the students should go directly to their classrooms.

Preschool, Kindergarten, First & Second Grade Students should dress nicely. No silly Christmas gear for this musical.

Grades 3 - 8 - see the enclosed paper for costume information.

SNOW PRINCE AND PRINCESS

Congratulations to Hector Guerrero and Audra Storch for winning the third grade essay contest, sponsored by the Maumee Valley Civic Theater! Be sure to attend the Henry County Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 2nd to cheer them on as they join other 3rd grade winners from other Henry County schools. The parade begins at the Henry County Fairgrounds at 5:00 pm and proceeds to the Henry County Courthouse for a short program of recognition, Santa, and winter refreshments!

SECRET SANTA

Thanks to our Parents' Club, your child will have an opportunity to shop for family members December 7th and 8th. More information is enclosed. Please return these items next week. Tuesday/Thursday preschoolers will shop on Thursday, December 7th, with the remaining students shopping on Friday, December 8th.

HAT & MITTEN TREE

We are asking students to donate hats, mittens, and/or scarves to distribute to the needy in our area. Students can hang their donations on the tree by the Mary statue until Monday, December 11th. We appreciate your generosity!

FRIENDSGIVING

Thank you to all who attended. It was a wonderful St. Augustine Family event!

JESSE TREE KIT

If you were unable to attend Friendsgiving or did not pick up your Jesse Tree Kit after dinner, it is enclosed. This is a Parents Club gift to share with your family! The Jesse Tree is a way of preparing for Advent by journeying through the stories on Jesus's family tree. Each day of Advent beginning on December 1st, read a Bible story from the enclosed book about someone on Jesus's family tree and hang an ornament symbolizing the story on your Jesse Tree. As you decorate your tree, you'll see how God prepared for Jesus to be born through many generations.

THIRTY-ONE FUNDRAISER

If you ordered through this wonderful fundraiser, your items should be shipped to you in time for Christmas.



ENTRÉES FOR THE WEEK OF December 4 2023

The menu is also available on the school's page of the parish website and in the File Library on OptionC.

MONDAY - Pizza Quesadilla

TUESDAY - Chef Salad

WEDNESDAY - Chicken Patty Sandwich

THURSDAY - Walking Taco

FRIDAY - Chicken Pasta Bake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/1-3 Parish Christmas House (Parish Hall)

12/1 Midterms go home
2:00 pm School Mass

12/4 Dress Down Day

12/6 5:00 pm Parents Club meeting
5:30 pm Secret Santa set up (Parish Hall)

12/7 PK Secret Santa

12/8 PK-Gr 8 Secret Santa
School Christmas lunch
2:00 pm School Mass

12/14 7:00 pm Christmas Program

12/15 2:00 pm School Mass

12/20 End of 2nd Quarter

12/21/23 - 1/2/24 CHRISTMAS BREAK