



# ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## PARENT BULLETIN

February 23, 2024

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

The St. Augustine School Spelling Bee was held last week. The school champion was Ashlyne Minnick and runner up was Brady McKenzie! Both students will participate in the Henry County Spelling Bee which will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Patrick Henry Middle School has been chosen as the site for this year's Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Northwest Signal. Good luck to both of our finalists!

Do you have your tickets to the 25th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Auction? Less than 50 tickets remain! The last day to purchase tickets is this Sunday, February 25th. The auction is St. Augustine Catholic School's largest fundraiser of the year and will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at the American Legion in Napoleon. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Rick Small returns for a wonderful night of shenanigans! Tickets are \$35 per attendee and available at the back of church after all Masses this weekend, at the school and church offices and during this Friday's Fish Fry from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. If you are able to donate an item to be auctioned, make a monetary donation, or are interested in helping, please contact the school office @ 419-592-3641. We truly appreciate your support and would not be successful without your help!

### GRADES 5-8 CAMP DAMASCUS FORMS

Enclosed is the Student Release of Information Form and Retreat Medical Information Form. **Both forms must be signed and returned by Friday, March 1, 2024.** Also, enclosed is the Retreat Schedule and Packing List.

### STOLLER FUNDRAISING

Be prepared for Easter breakfast with one of the Butter Braid Pastries from our Stoller fundraiser! Students in 5th - 8th grade are receiving a pamphlet and order form. Their parents will also receive an email with instructions for their child(ren)'s online store. Share it with your family, friends, and community then return your order form with one check to St. Augustine School by next **Wednesday, February 28th.** All proceeds will help our 5th through 8th graders get to Camp Damascus!

### 2024-25 REGISTRATION

Re-registration for the 2024-25 school year is held exclusively on OptionC. Directions were sent home last week on how to re-enroll your child(ren), register new students, and how to complete the Tuition Agreement eForm. All students are eligible for scholarship opportunities. Please complete the appropriate Tuition Agreement eForm (Preschool vs. Kindergarten - 8th grade) to notify us which scholarships you intend to apply. Once completed, appropriate applications will be sent home.

If you are having trouble logging in to your OptionC account, please call us. We can help you through that process.

Students entering Kindergarten - 8th Grade are eligible to receive an EdChoice Scholarship for the 2024-25 school year. **If your student received an EdChoice Expansion Scholarship in our current school year, you are only required to fill out the EdChoice Scholarship Program Renewal Form and supply a current utility or gas bill that includes both the Mailing Address and Service Address to verify residency.**

Please complete the re-enrollment process on OptionC and appropriate scholarship forms as soon as possible, so that we may plan accurately for next school year.

### **THIRD QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS**

Grades 1 - 8: Your child's progress report for the 3rd quarter was sent home last week. Please review this with your child, sign, and return in the blue envelope at your earliest convenience.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

During Lent, our school will celebrate a student-led Stations of the Cross each week. Parents are welcome to join us in the church on the following dates:

- Thursday, February 29th @ 12:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 6th @ 12:30 pm
- Tuesday, March 12th @ 12:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 20th @ 12:30 pm

### **SAINTS TRACK AND FIELD**

CYO Track and Field season starts soon! **A parent meeting will be held on Monday, March 18 at 7:00 pm in the school gym.** Each student in grades 3 - 8 is invited to join. Enclosed is a sign-up sheet with more information regarding this program.. Please return your form at the parent meeting. **Their first practice is scheduled for Monday, March 25th at St. Augustine and meets will begin mid-April.** If you need more information, please call the school office and we'd be happy to refer you to one of the coaches.

### **SCHOLARSHIP DONATION/TAX CREDIT**

Ohioans can now receive a TAX CREDIT of up to \$750 per individual or \$1500 for married couples, filing jointly, for donations made to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). St. Augustine Catholic School has partnered with the Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund for you to take advantage of this opportunity. Your donation can directly impact a family's ability to afford a Catholic Education and help provide a high quality education to more children! Please visit [www.dotsgo.org](http://www.dotsgo.org) to learn how to REDIRECT your tax dollars to scholarships this year, if you donate by 4/15/2024. Donations may be applied to your 2023 taxes, if you have not yet filed them. Please contact the school office with any questions or more information!

### **LENTEN RICE BOWLS**

Your family's Rice Bowl was sent home last week in the blue folder. During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. We ask that the Rice Bowls be returned to the school office by April 8th.

### **ECLIPSE SCHOOL CLOSING**

Henry County Schools, including St. Augustine Catholic School, will be closed on Monday, April 8, 2024 due to the solar eclipse.

### **FAMILY FUN BOWLING NIGHT**

Due to illness, the Family Fun Bowling Night has been rescheduled to Friday, April 26, 2024.

### **ENTRÉES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

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

MONDAY - Lasagna

TUESDAY - Hot Dog

WEDNESDAY - Cheeseburger

THURSDAY - Chicken Pasta Bake

FRIDAY - Cheese Bosco Sticks



### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 2/23** 5:00 - 6:30 pm Parish Fish Fry
- 2/25** Auction ticket purchase deadline
- 2/26** Gr 5-8 Camp Damascus 2nd pmt due
- 2/29** 12:30 pm Stations of the Cross in church
- 3/1** 2:00 pm School Mass
- 5:00 - 6:30 pm Parish Fish Fry