

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT BULLETIN

March 7, 2025



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.

MINNICK'S MINUTE

Two years ago, I was blessed to be one of the few Catholic School Principals from around the country to be accepted into the 3rd Cohort of the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Principal Academy program at the University of Notre Dame. As I am concluding my final immersion in Boston, I want to share briefly about my experience and commitment to improving my leadership. The Principal Academy program has required countless hours of study, reflection, and time to immerse myself in exemplary school communities to learn best practices to keep St. Augustine growing and providing academic excellence. These two years have been an invaluable investment in my growth as a Catholic school leader and has without a doubt been a transformative experience. I have gained insights that are already making a positive impact at St. Augustine, and I am excited for what lies ahead. The changes we are making together will continue to unfold in the coming years. I am committed to continue our mission: 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.

Lent is a time of repenting our sinful habits and growing in holiness to prepare for the celebration of Christ's Death and Resurrection at Easter. The road through Lent leads us closer to one another and to Christ. During Lent this year, our students will take part in the Stations of the Cross each week during the school day. Our school will begin participating in the Stations of the Cross together next week. This is truly one of the most special gifts they receive while attending St. Augustine Catholic School. I feel very blessed to take part in this devotion during our Lenten journey together.

BEHAVIOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Our Consultant from Ervin Consulting, Mr. Keegan Schoen, will present an informational meeting for parents explaining and demonstrating the procedures and strategies on which we have been focusing on March 19th at 6:00 pm in St. Augustine School Gym. Join us in learning more about our shift to this method in learning and behavior in the classroom and common spaces.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, our school will celebrate Stations of the Cross every Wednesday. Different groups will present each week. Parents are welcome to join us in the church at 1:40 pm on the following dates:

Wednesday, March 12, 2025-Student Council
Wednesday, March 19, 2025-Grades 3 & 4
Wednesday, March 26, 2025-Grades 1 & 2
Wednesday, April 2, 2025-Grades 5 & 6
Wednesday, April 9, 2025-Grades 7 & 8
Wednesday, April 16, 2025-Teachers

2024-25 KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

If you or someone you know is interested in a great Catholic education and was born before September 30, 2020, he/she is eligible to enroll in Kindergarten at St. Augustine School. Our Kindergarten screening is scheduled for April 9th. If you know of someone who is looking for a faith-based Kindergarten program, please contact the school office.

COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Be sure to cheer on our champion, Emily Flowers, and runner up, Rosa Pullen as they compete in the Henry County Spelling Bee. This will be held at Napoleon Elementary School on March 13th at 7:00 pm. The Henry County Spelling Bee is sponsored by the Northwest Signal.

RICE BOWLS

With the beginning of Lent, now is the time to pull out the rice bowls that were sent home recently! CRS Rice Bowl is celebrating 50 years of helping Catholic faith communities bring Lent to life and encounter God through our global family. Each student received a rice bowl for your prayerful consideration. During the 40 days of Lent, let us pray for those who are suffering and attempting to rise above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Visit crsricebowl.org/join to learn more. We ask that the rice bowls be returned to the school office by April 30th.

“HERE FOR GOOD” SAINTS APPAREL SALE

From March 3rd - 23rd, you have the opportunity to purchase custom-made St. Augustine t-shirts and sweatshirts! Youth sizes ARE available. This is a pre-sale and all orders will be shipped directly to you. A portion of the sales will go toward the Junior High Washington D.C. trip. Visit the website at:



2025-26 SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Current school families and parishioners will have priority in registration for all classes through April 30, 2025. Registration is being held exclusively on OptionC. We ask that you complete the re-registration and Tuition Agreement eform by **May 30, 2025**. If you have trouble logging in, please call us. We can help you through that process.

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.

Students entering Kindergarten - 8th Grade are eligible to receive an EdChoice Scholarship for the 2025-26 school year. Scholarship forms were sent home. If your child 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. Income verification is not required to apply for the EdChoice Scholarship. Families may qualify for low-income status if they choose to have their income verified. Please contact Mrs. Minnick with any questions.

SAINTS TRACK AND FIELD

CYO Track and Field season starts soon! **A parent meeting will be held on Thursday, March 13th at 7:00 pm in the school gym.** Each student in grades 3 - 8 is invited to join. A sign-up sheet with more information regarding this program was recently sent home. Please return your form at the parent meeting. **Their first practice is scheduled for Monday, March 24th 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.

MUSICAL PROGRAM ADS

Send your child an Alice in Wonderland Break-a-Leg message or advertise your business! Be sure to return your ad forms by March 25, 2025.

ENTRÉES FOR THE WEEK OF March 10, 2025

Students have the option to replace the main entree for a peanut butter and jelly sandwich

MONDAY - Pizza Quesadilla
TUESDAY - Walking Taco
WEDNESDAY - Corn Dog
THURSDAY - Chicken Noodle Soup/Egg Roll
FRIDAY - Macaroni & Cheese

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/7 5:00-6:30 pm Parish Fish Fry
3/10 Dress Down Day
3/11 5:00-7:00 pm Jr. High Pizza Hut fundraiser
3/12 1:40 pm Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm Parents Club meeting
3/13 7:00 pm Track Parent meeting in gym
7:00 pm County Spelling Bee @ NES
3/14 End of Third Quarter
2:20 School Mass
5:00-6:30 pm Parish Fish Fry
3/15 **26th Annual St. Patrick's Day Auction**
3/17 3:00-5:00 Stoller order pick up in gym
3/19 6:00 pm Behavioral Leadership Parent Night
3/21 Grade cards go home
2:20 School Mass
5:00-6:30 pm Parish Fish Fry