



ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT BULLETIN September 11, 2026

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.

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MINNICK'S MINUTE

This week we pause to remember and honor the nearly 3,000 innocent lives lost in the terrorist attacks of 2001. We pray for the victims, their families, the first responders who courageously served that day, and all who continue to carry the impact of those tragic events. As a Catholic school community, Patriot Day reminds us of the importance of faith, unity, service, and hope. We thank God for the men and women who protect and serve our nation, and we ask God to protect them and bless our country with peace. May we always remember that even in times of tragedy, God's love shines through others' compassion, courage, and sacrifice. Let us continue to live out our St. Augustine Catholic School values of Love, Learn, and Serve as we work together to build a stronger and more caring community.

Join us for the 26th Annual St. Augustine TurtleFest on Friday, September 18, from 6:00 PM to midnight and Saturday, September 19, from 5:30 PM to midnight for a weekend of food, fun, entertainment, and fellowship. Friday evening features live music by "Vinyl on Tap", along with burgers, hot dogs with Hungarian sauce, egg rolls, Mexican food, refreshing beverages, and of course, the always-popular Turtle Races! Saturday evening includes live music by "Married with Children." The Turtle Races return for another night of excitement and family fun. Both evenings will feature our Jewelry Sale, Sweet Treats, Country Store, Basket Raffle, Kids Zone, and the TurtleFest Raffle, where one lucky winner could take home \$10,000! Admission is free, and everyone is welcome! Bring your family, invite your friends, and come enjoy one of our community's favorite traditions.

Next week, our Kindergarten through 8th grade students will begin taking the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment. MAP is a computerized adaptive assessment offered in Reading, Language Usage, Reading Fluency, Mathematics, and Science. The results give St. Augustine educators valuable information to guide instruction and support student growth. Because MAP is adaptive, the difficulty of each question adjusts based on a student's previous responses, allowing the assessment to measure each student's current level of achievement more accurately. It is important to remember that the MAP assessment is only one measure of student learning at a single point in time. It does not measure intelligence, potential, or a student's capacity to learn and grow. MAP testing will begin next week and continue over the next three weeks. To set your child(ren) up for success, please ensure they are well-rested and eat a healthy breakfast!

DIGITAL ACADEMY TUITION & FEES

Registration and Technology Fees have been added to your account, along with your tuition, parish subsidy, and applicable EdChoice Scholarship amounts. Please note that these figures may not reflect your final balance if you submitted a Parish Tuition & Fee Assistance Form.

We are currently reviewing applications and working carefully to make fair and thoughtful decisions regarding assistance awards for the 2026–2027 school year. We appreciate your patience during this process. Families will be notified as soon as decisions have been finalized. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Mrs. Minnick.

TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY

Next Friday, September 18th, we will celebrate International Talk Like a Pirate Day! A flyer is enclosed with more details. We remind parents that we will attend Mass that day, so please pack any Pirate apparel for your child to change into after Mass. Also, students will participate in pirate games during gym - in their pirate outfits.

FAMILY HANDBOOK

Your copy of the Family Handbook is enclosed. Please read and then sign the back page to return in the yellow folder. Please keep the handbook for future reference.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING CHANGES

Because of TurtleFest taking place on the church/school grounds again this year, we have some accommodations that must be made. Most importantly is the drop-off and pick-up routine beginning Wednesday, September 16th. Because they will be putting up a large tent over the back parking lot, we will not have access to this area. On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of next week, please drop off and pick up your children at the front of the school. At pick up time, DO NOT park in front of the school until the school buses have left (approximately 3:05 p.m.). While you wait for the bus to depart, we suggest parking in the parking lot south of our building, at the corner of Monroe and Washington streets. Please be considerate of our neighbors and don't park in the Civista Bank lot, as we do not have their permission. Staff will then release your child(ren) to your car as you park in front of the school building. This is a bit of an inconvenience to all, but a small price to pay for our Parish Festival, TurtleFest. These restrictions will be in place until September 21st or 22nd. We will advise you via Digital Academy messaging when the tent has been cleared from our parking lot.

ACADEMIC FAIR

Each year, grades 5 - 8 create and present an Academic Fair project in different areas of study, depending on their grade level. This takes several months of preparation. Enclosed is a packet with the schedule, contract, and rubric. We request that parents review this with their child and return the signed contract as soon as possible.

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION

We have enclosed a Free and Reduced Lunch application. If you think that you may qualify, you would be doing us a favor by completing this form. In addition to receiving assistance with your child's lunch, we receive additional funds to purchase student services throughout the year. Students who were on Free or Reduced lunches last year still qualify this year until September 18th, so please fill it out to see if your child still qualifies. Remember, since we no longer participate in the government lunch program, "free" lunches cost \$1.00, and "reduced" lunches cost \$1.50.

MENU CHANGE

Please note that the September 11th and 18th menus have been switched due to TurtleFest setup. Tano's Pizza will be served on Friday, September 18th instead, and Goulash will be on September 11th.

ENTRÉES FOR THE WEEK OF September 14, 2026

Students have the option to replace the main entree with a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and the vegetable with carrots every day

MONDAY - Hot dog/Corn
TUESDAY - Grilled Cheese/Tomato Soup
WEDNESDAY - Chicken Pasta Bake/Green Beans
THURSDAY - Pizza Quesadilla/Broccoli with Cheese
FRIDAY - Tano's Pizza/Fresh Fruit

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/14 Dress Down Day
Mumkin Fundraiser deadline
9/15 MAP Reading (K-8)
9/16 MAP Reading (K-8)
3:15 pm Staff Prayer Circle
9/18 8:45 am School Mass
Talk Like a Pirate Day
End of 1st Quarter
9/18-19 PARISH TURTLEFEST
9/22 MAP Math (K-8)
9/23 MAP Math (K-8)
9/24 MAP Science (5-8 only)
9/25 8:45 am School Mass