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ST. AUGUSTINE FISH FRY'S

Mark your calendars! Our Fish Fry's begin Friday February 16, 2018 from 4:30pm - 7:00pm Additional dates are March 2nd, 16th, and 30th. Be sure and check your students' backpacks for a flyer with additional information

CLASSROOM EXCITEMENT

We have finished the second quarter, including the middle school completing their mid-terms. The anticipation to find out the honor roll candidates is building, as last quarter was very successful. I can proudly say that 80% of our middle school students made honor roll last quarter. Our student's work hard in the classroom and the results are impressive. As we continue to build on bringing in resources such as technology, we look forward to seeing positive results unfold. Here are some of the exciting things happening in our classrooms:

Preschool-Learning alphabet letters, Bowling with Dad and experimenting with ice.

Transitional Kindergarten-Learning shapes, Muffins with Mom and counting by tens.

Kindergarten-Practicing sounds to put them together to make words to help build reading skills and learning .

First grade-Building a community, decoding words, and crazy snowman addition facts.

Second Grade-Flat Stanley project, Saint presentations and shaving cream spelling words.

Third Grade-Practicing multiplication facts to earn their t-shirt, building Native American tribes and roller coaster project.

Fourth Grade-Lansing field trip, book reports and egg safety drop project.

Fifth Grade-Building boats, liturgical seasons, Lansing field trip

Sixth Grade-International feast, learning about religious patriarchs and matriarchs, and creating their own blog.

Seventh Grade-Recycled Christmas wreath project, learning about cells and organisms, and global wind pattern project.

Eighth Grade- America and Me essay contest, donates their time to help in church, and created their 8th grade shirt.

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THE OSCAR GOES TO...

by Linda Viviano, 2nd Grade Teacher

I've been watching all the news about the Academy Awards coming soon. It occurred to me we have a "person of the year", "singer of the year", "actress and actor of the year" etc. etc. Every year around this time, the winners are spotlighted on the cover of magazines and land on the nightly news briefly. Newscasters offer interviews in which they explain the research that goes into making selections.

I'd like to change things up a bit and offer my research (after teaching 17 years at St. Augustine) why we should honor the St. Augustine child as "student of the year". I believe Reese Witherspoon or Clint Eastwood would step off the podium for any one of these special children of God and all they have to offer.....

A St A's child has moral values such as honesty, responsibility and fairness. She or he realizes moral values and what we OUGHT to do. The St. A's child is taught to abide by them even when they'd rather not.

A St. A's child is a Good Samaritan who is helpful and who learns to serve God moment to moment. He or she learns to perform caring actions by reaching out to the community with food, clothes and good cheer. (Our Christmas tree was filled with gloves for the needy)

A St. A's child believes in God and wants to please Him at home, school and at play. He or she is excited to be part of the Liturgy. (Just watch the enthusiasm of a second grader preparing for their first communion or third graders excited to be ministers at their first all school mass)

A St. A's child trusts in life's goodness. With positive thoughts, they see beauty in God's world and the little surprises (no homework?) they experience in life.

A St. A's child has pain and sorrow, worries and fears like all children, but feel it is important to give comfort and help to others. A St. A's child has a great big special heart that knows how to listen to others.(reaching out to the elderly in nursing homes and hospitals)

....And most importantly of all, a St. A's child hugs his parents and teacher too!!!!

Who needs an Oscar?

NJHS INDUCTIONS

National Junior Honor Society inductions will be Wednesday, January 31 immediately following the 8:00am school mass.

All are welcome to attend!