



SAINTS WEEKLY

St. Augustine School spreads the good news by Navigating a Christian course, Educating body, mind, and spirit, Worshipping the Lord, and Serving others.

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Principal's Message

-Mrs. Lenn

Now that we've finished week three, everything is becoming more routine. We started recognizing students for meeting behavior expectations. All staff (teachers, secretaries, custodial staff, lunch staff) have blue cards called "S.A.S.S." cards. "S.A.S.S." stands for St. Augustine School Spirit. When students receive a card, they place it in a can marked "S.A.S.S." in the hallway across from the office. On the last Friday of each month, we will have a drawing for prizes. We have fantastic kids at SAS, and I am looking forward to recognizing the good choices they are making. This is all part of our schoolwide Positive Behavior Intervention Support program (PBIS), which involves proactive strategies to define, teach, and support appropriate student behaviors and create a positive environment. What this essentially means is that we teach students what we expect, and constantly reinforce our expectations. It helps to establish a climate where positive behavior is the norm. This is nothing new at St. Augustine, as teachers were already doing this in the classroom. We are simply making it schoolwide. Many students earned SASS cards this week. We are off to a great start!

Now that we are three weeks into the school year, we are preparing to enforce the uniform policy. I'd like to remind you that on non-gym days, students should be in proper uniform- polos, jumpers/skirts, uniform shorts, or dress pants. When wearing non-elastic waist shorts or pants, a belt is required, and shirts MUST be tucked in. On cooler days, students need to wear the logo

sweaters (cardigan for TK-5, v-neck pullover for 6-8) if they are cold. Sweatshirts CANNOT be worn in school on regular uniform days. They can be worn as a jacket when students are outside, but need to be placed in the lockers while in the classrooms. This is especially important on mass days, since sweatshirts are not appropriate mass attire. Students also need to have black soled shoes. If you purchased shoes that have white soles or logos, please darken the soles and logo with a black permanent marker if your child will be wearing the shoes with their uniform. On gym days, students can choose to wear the regular uniform, or the optional gym pants/ shorts, and a St. Augustine t-shirt. St. A's sweatshirts can be worn on gym days. Any color of gym shoe can be worn on gym days as well. If you have any questions regarding our uniform, please visit our [website](#) for more details. You can also call our office with questions. Teachers will be checking uniforms soon and will remind students if there is anything that needs to be addressed. We will be starting uniform referrals on September 24. In addition, if you have any gently used uniforms that you would like to donate to the school, please bring them to the office. If you are in need of uniforms, let us know, and we will try to help if we have donated items that we can provide.

We have had an exciting opportunity come our way. Immaculate Conception Catholic School has invited our students (grades 1-8) to attend an assembly called Prismatic Magic on Tuesday, September 25. The topic of the assembly is a presentation about anti-bullying. It is a dynamic show with lights and music, which will be fun and exciting for our kids. We are grateful to IC school for sharing their gymnasium with us so that our school can enjoy the show too. Our students will attend in two sessions, 1-4 grades will attend the 9:00 show, and 5-8 grades will attend the 10:00 show. A permission slip was sent home today. PTC is graciously picking up the cost of the assembly. Please send your child's permission slip and bracelet to their teacher by September 19. Thank you. Students will return in plenty of time for lunch, and teachers will take lunch orders as usual on that day.

Please remember that if you are planning to do any volunteering at our school, including attending a field trip, per AOD policy, you must attend a Protecting God's Children program. This includes any adult who would like to volunteer- grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles, etc. There are a few local opportunities coming up: Our Lady on the River Parish (Marine City) on September 15, Immaculate Conception Parish (Ira) on September 22, St. John Vianney Parish (Shelby) on September 29, St. Mary Mystical Rose Parish (Armada) on October 7, and St. Edward on the Lake (Lakeport) on October 16. There are many more opportunities. To view these opportunities, or to register for a location, please visit this website: [Protecting God's Children](#). Thank you.

Middle school parents (6-8 grade): we are looking for more students to join our Science Olympiad team. There are many exciting events that students can participate in, including: Meteorology, Circuit Lab, Battery Buggy, Fossils, Potions & Poisons, and Mystery Architecture (to name a few). It is a great opportunity to get involved in something extra curricular that extends

learning beyond the classroom. If you are interested in more information, please email Christine Hampton, our head coach, at sascienceolympiad@gmail.com.

We had our Athletic Parent meeting last night. If you were unable to attend, we have information in the office that we can send home. Just let us know. Also, if your child is playing ANY sport this year, please email Trish Greenia (our Athletic Board President) at tgreenia33@gmail.com with your player's name, your contact information (including phone number), and which sports they want to participate in. The Board is trying to compile a list of athletes. Thank you.

Finally, a very important reminder. PICTURE DAY IS MONDAY, and TUESDAY for preschool students who attend on Tuesdays. It is also traditionally, a dress up day for students. The following are the guidelines for dress up days from our handbook: **"Clothing should be neat, modest, conservative, and appropriate. Jeans, shorts, sweats, T-shirts, and play clothes are not considered appropriate "Dress-Up" Day attire. Skirts must be no shorter than two inches above the knee. Low-rise slacks, low cut tops and bare midriffs are not allowed. Dress or casual boots are allowed as long as heels are no higher than two inches. No sandals, flip flops, or any type of open toe or open back shoes are permitted."** If students do not want to dress up, they can wear their regular uniform for pictures. Also, the temperature looks warm next week, so dress shorts are fine for picture day. Please remember to send the picture packet to school with your students on Monday.

We are in need of a program director for our school Advent program in December. The program director would help coordinate the acting parts. We already have the music taken care of. We just need help with the "actors". Please contact the office right away if you can help.

I invite you all to join the staff at 9:00 mass at St. Augustine on Sunday. It is Catechetical Sunday, so all of your children's teachers will receive a special blessing. Have a wonderful weekend!

Upcoming dates to know:

- Sept. 15- **Back to School Picnic** 12-3 pm (K of C sponsored)
- Sept 17-18 **Picture Days** (PS- grade 8 on Sept 17, PS & anyone who missed on Sept 18), Dress up day; **Volleyball game** 6:30 at MCA
- Sept 19- **Half day** for all students, **11:30** dismissal- **no pm latchkey or pm bus service**
- Sept 19- **Assembly permission slips due**; 2nd grade **Sacrament Preparation meeting** 6-7:30, **Volleyball game** 6:30 at Holy Family Gym
- Sept 21- **DEADLINE FOR AUCTION DONATIONS**
- Sept 24- **Volleyball game** 6:30 at Holy Family gym
- Sept 25- **School Advisory Committee meeting**, 7pm
- Sept 26- **Volleyball game** 6:30 at MCA
- Sept 28- **PTC Family Fun Night** at Holy Family Gym- 5:30-8 (see flyer sent home on Tuesday)

- Sept 29- Cardinal Mooney home football game, 1:00 pm- **Free Admission and T-Shirt for any middle school student**
- Oct. 1- **Volleyball game** 6:30 at Holy Cross, **Catholic High School Night** at Immaculate Conception (electronic flyer sent home last week)
- Oct. 1-19 **IOWA and Religion Testing Window**
- Oct. 3- **PTC meeting, 5:30pm, Volleyball game** 6:30 at IC
- Oct. 8- **Volleyball game** 6:30 at Holy Family Gym
- Oct. 10- **Volleyball game** 6:30 at Holy Family Gym
- Oct 26- **PTC Trunk or Treat, 5-8pm**

