



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

Thank you to all of you who attended the School Auction last Friday. It was great to see all of the families and friends of St. Augustine who support our school. Thank you to all of you for donating items for auction, and thanks to all those who helped with preparations and clean up. It was a fun event with the sole purpose of supporting our kids. I am pleased to let you know that the playground equipment that was donated by Austin Catholic High School was removed from their property on Wednesday and has been transported to our school. The equipment is currently being stored behind the building as we prepare our playground area for its installation. We will be removing two of the older swing sets and installing the new equipment. There are two sets. One is a climber style set, and the other is a more traditional set with a few slides. They are in good shape, and we are thankful to Austin for this donation. The Fund-It at the Auction helped raise funds to pay for the removal, transport, and installation of this equipment.

Today was the last day to turn in Handbook Acknowledgment forms. If you forgot, please print the form attached with this newsletter, sign, and return it on Monday. It will save Mrs. Rey and Mrs. Hunter from having to make phone calls. Thank you.

As the weather is changing to become winter-like, please be sure your children are dressed warm. When there is snow on our playground, students must have boots and snowpants to play in the snow. On these cold days, they also need hats, gloves, and scarves, since we do try to send the students outside whenever possible. Be sure to write your child's names on these items, since they frequently end up in lost and found. Thanks.

About a month ago, we were discussing ways to replenish our school library. Our budget was small and our needs large; many titles were outdated and too damaged to circulate. Our librarian, Mrs. Waterstraat, shared this information with Mrs. Rey, and she in turn contacted the Richmond Catholic Education Foundation. Viola! The RCEF immediately offered to help with the library. We are so grateful for their generous gift of money to help purchase new books and the supplies needed to protect them. This gift will enhance the young minds that enjoy our library books for many years to come. In addition, the RCEF has donated funds for our Science Olympiad team to help purchase supplies in preparation for their events. RCEF also made a large donation to the school to use for technology needs, specifically network improvements. Thank you to the Richmond Catholic Education Foundation for your support of our school! We are truly grateful.

I am thrilled to report that our school collected over 500 items for the food pantry! The Student Council counted and delivered the items to the pantry. Feeding the hungry is a corporal work of mercy, and I'm glad our students recognize that they CAN do something to make a difference in the lives of others. Thank you for your support in our efforts to teach these meaningful lessons to our students. Also, the turkey cookies sold out on Thursday. Thanks for supporting our Student Council!

Square 1 Art forms were sent home. All orders are due by November 29. **If you would like your child to have their art tile on the wall outside the office, you need to purchase the tile, and we will put it on the wall.** Please see the note attached to the information packet for details.

The ticket order forms for the Advent Program were sent home today. Please return them by December 3, so that auditorium seats can be assigned and the tickets can be returned to you. We are also in need of help for our program. Ms. Mantey could use some parent volunteers to help with costumes and other odds and ends. Please call the office if you can help. A successful program can only happen with the support of our families. Remember, your time is worth service credits!

Santa Shop will take place on Dec 7. We are accepting donations of small gifts for men, women, children, and pets. Donations of gift boxes, wrapping paper, tape, gift bags, and tags are also being accepted. Thank you in advance.

Congratulations to Owen Nytko, Marybeth Klein, Kendall Nader, Curtis Yaek, and Ocean Kaltz for the selection of your artwork for the Parish Christmas card! Each of these students received a copy of their Christmas card signed by Father Joe to take home today. We are proud of all students who participated in the Christmas card contest.

Parents, please monitor your child's use of digital devices, games, apps, and the internet. [Protect Young Eyes](#) is a great online resource for learning about apps that children are using and what parents need to be aware of. It also contains guides to setting parental controls on many different devices and game systems. It is worth checking out, since it provides a great deal of helpful information to make it easier for parents to monitor and regulate what kids are doing online.

Upcoming dates to know:

- Nov. 19- 4 year old Preschool Thanksgiving feast
- Nov. 21- **NO SCHOOL**- Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 26- Girls Basketball game- Varsity at 6:30 (against HC at Holy Family)
- Nov. 27- **School Advisory Committee Meeting**, 7 pm
- Nov. 28- Girls Basketball game- JV at 6:30, Varsity at 7:30 (at IC)
- Nov. 29- **Square 1 Art orders due!** (Order an art tile for the hallway, if you'd like)
- Dec. 1- Final date for Spirit Wear orders for Christmas from [J's Silkscreen](#)
- Dec. 3- **Advent Program ticket forms due**; Girls Basketball game- Varsity at 6:30 (at HC)
- Dec. 5- **PTC meeting, 5:30 pm**; Girls Basketball game- JV at 6:30, Varsity at 7:30 (at MCA)
- Dec. 6- **Technology Committee meeting**, 7 pm
- Dec. 7- **Santa Shop** (will stay open until 3:30 if parents would like to shop)
- Dec. 10- Girls Basketball game- JV at 6:30, Varsity at 7:30 (against IC at Holy Family)
- Dec. 12- 6th, 7th, & 8th grade Reconciliation (during the school day); Girls Basketball game- JV at 6:30, Varsity at 7:30 (against MCA at Holy Family)
- Dec. 14- 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade Reconciliation (during the school day)
- Dec. 14- Vision screening (grades 1-7)
- Dec. 18- Advent program dress rehearsal (during the school day)
- Dec. 19- **Advent Program 7 pm**, Richmond High School Auditorium
- Dec. 20- no pm bus service
- Dec. 21- no am or pm bus service
- Dec. 22- Jan.2- **Christmas Break**
- Jan. 3- **School resumes**
- Jan. 7- Girls Basketball game- JV at 6:30, Varsity at 7:30 (against IC at Holy Family)

- Jan. 9- **PTC meeting, 5:30 pm**; Girls Basketball game- Varsity at 6:30 (at HC)
- Jan. 11- End of 2nd quarter
- Jan. 14- Girls Basketball game- JV at 6:30, Varsity at 7:30 (against MCA at Holy Family)
- Jan. 22- **School Advisory Committee Meeting, 7 pm**
- Jan. 27- 7th grade Confirmation Parent Meeting, 10:15 in the Parish Hall
- Jan. 28- Blue Water Vicariate Carnival at Cardinal Mooney
- Jan. 29- **Human Trafficking Presentation for Parents & Parishioners, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall**

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