



SAINTS WEEKLY

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Principal's Message

-Mrs. Lenn

It is an exciting time of year as we all anticipate the first day of school. Here's what you need to know:

STUDENT DROP OFF PROCEDURE:

We are making a change to our drop off procedure. Students will no longer be waiting outside before school in the morning. They will wait in the parish hall; therefore, the drop off location has changed. When dropping off students, please continue to enter the far driveway nearest the basketball court (disregard the exit only sign). When you pull in, drive straight toward the school building, between the two grassy curbed areas. Then as you approach the building turn right, following the sidewalk toward the main school doors. Our Gracious Greeters will be waiting near the main doors to greet students. Students will be dropped at the corner of the sidewalk near the flagpole. Once you drop your children off, turn right, and proceed to the exit behind the church on Howard. If you prefer to walk your child up to the building, please pull in the second driveway nearest the basketball hoops, and make an immediate right turn to park in the lot. There will be a safety patroller stationed on the grassy curb directly behind the church. Please walk your children to the safety patroller for safe crossing. It is VERY IMPORTANT that we all work together to keep our kids safe during drop off. Here is a diagram that will help, if you are a visual person:



Students may be dropped off in the morning no earlier than 7:25 am. There is no supervision for students who arrive before 7:25. At 7:40, students will gather in the gym area, and we will begin our morning prayer by 7:45. Students arriving after 7:51 will be considered tardy.

LATCHKEY:

Latchkey will begin after Labor Day, on September 3. Students must be registered for Latchkey prior to September 3. More information will be distributed on Meet the Teacher Night.

ATTENDANCE:

Please call the office between 7:30 am and 8:15 am to report your child's absence. Your child's record will indicate an unexcused absence if you do not notify the office. Remember that if your child has a fever, they need to remain fever free without medication for 24 hours before they can return to school.

MEDICATION:

A medication form is required for any over the counter medication as well as prescription. A medication request form must be on file permitting school personnel to dispense any medication. The form requires both physician and parent signatures. Medication forms will be available at Meet the Teacher Night.

LUNCH PROGRAM:

We are continuing our partnership with Anchor Bay Schools to provide a hot lunch program for our students. Hot lunch will be available each day for \$3.00 (hot lunch includes milk). If purchasing milk only, it is available for \$.40. Daily lunch orders will be taken by the teachers during morning attendance. Students will have 3 lunch options to choose from on Monday-Thursday. They can choose a hot lunch option, a yogurt lunch option, or a salad lunch option. On Fridays, we will continue our PTC Pizza lunches. Hot lunch money can be sent to school daily, or you can send a check to load on your child's Meal Magic account, and you will be able to monitor the balance online. Balances remaining from last year have been transferred over for this year. Snacks will also be available for purchase, but on a cash only basis. Students are not able to purchase snacks using their Meal Magic account, in an effort to prevent students from buying snacks rather than eating their lunch. Please see the menu included with this newsletter for more details.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS:

Free and reduced lunch forms will be provided for each household. Please complete one application per family and return to the school office. Applications can also be completed online [here](#). Enter "Anchor Bay Schools" and follow the prompts. You can also find the link on our website.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS:

Like last year, students are allowed to wear ALL BLACK athletic shoes, instead of dress shoes. Please refrain from allowing girls to wear headbands with ears, horns, etc on uniform days. These types of headbands may be worn on dress-down days. Students may wear the optional gym uniform on days that their class will have gym. The teachers will provide you with a schedule of special classes, so that you will know how your child should be dressed.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS:

Our school will be continuing to use PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support). The goal of PBIS is to teach and reinforce desired behaviors. PBIS focuses on recognizing students who are behaving as they should be, which in turn, naturally discourages undesirable behavior. Behavior expectations will be explicitly taught and reviewed with students at the beginning and throughout the year. We will continue recognizing our students by passing out SASS (St. A's School Spirit) cards and the Student of the Month program.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT:

Meet the Teacher Night will be held on Wednesday, August 28, from 6:00-7:30. This year,

we invite our Transitional Kindergarten and Regular Kindergarten parents to visit their classrooms at 5:00. Mrs. Blissett and Mrs. Perry will conduct their first informational session starting at 5, and then release parents to the cafeteria. For all other grades, we will first meet in the cafeteria/parish hall at 6:00, and then parents will be released to the classrooms to talk with the teachers. Meet the Teacher Night is an opportunity for parents to get the information they need regarding classroom expectations for the year. It is not an “open house” for students. Please make arrangements for your children so that you can be as attentive as possible during this important evening full of information.

COMMUNICATION:

St. Augustine School understands the importance of communicating with our families. You will be kept informed of important information through our weekly newsletter via email. Please make sure we have your current email on file and that it is an email that you check regularly so that you can remain informed. You are also encouraged to like our school on Facebook and utilize our website to stay up to date. It is also important that you join Remind to receive important reminders and information about winter school closings. To join Remind, please see the instructions that were mailed home and are also listed on our website.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS:

All school volunteers must take Protecting God’s Children. Please see [this link](#) to register for sessions. We are hosting a session at St. Augustine on October 19. There will be many other upcoming sessions locally in starting in September, so don’t delay. If you want to attend a field trip, you must have this training. All volunteers will also need to fill out a background check form. A packet of information will be distributed on Meet the Teacher Night.

DRESS UP DAY GUIDELINES- AUGUST 27:

Students are invited to dress up for the first day of school, or wear their uniforms if they prefer. According to our school handbook policy for dress up days, **“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 girls are wearing leggings, they must have a tunic, dress, or shirt that is thigh length.

STUDENT PICK UP PROCEDURE:

Students are released at 3:00. Grades 1-8 students will exit the main doors (door #1) of the school and be released to you. Please stay in your vehicle, and allow your child to walk to the car. Cars will be released from the lot once students have entered all vehicles. If you need to enter the school for some reason, PLEASE park on the street to help with traffic flow. Transitional and Traditional Kindergarten students will be released at the playground doors. Mrs. Blissett and Mrs. Perry need to see the parent in order to release the child, so TK and K parents will need to exit their vehicles and come up to the sidewalk.

I always welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions. Please make sure to direct classroom related questions to your child's teacher, who can best address classroom procedures. We are looking forward to a great school year! May God bless you and enjoy the rest of summer.

Emily Lenn
St. Augustine School Principal

Upcoming dates to know:

- August 26- First Day of School (TK & K- half days all week)
- August 28- 4 Year Old Preschool Orientation 10:00
- August 28- Meet The Teacher Night 6:00-7:30 (TK & K- 5:00-5:55 session first)
- August 29- 3 Year Old Preschool Orientation 10:00
- August 30-Sept. 2- Labor Day Break
- Sept. 3- School resumes, Latch key begins, 3 Year Old Preschool begins
- Sept. 4- 4 Year Old Preschool begins/ first all school Mass
- Sept. 8- Backpack blessing at all Sunday masses- bring backpacks to mass
- Sept. 8- Good Old Days Parade- report at 12:45 (8th graders & parents only)

