

February 14, 2019

Principal's Message -Mrs. Lenn

Happy Valentine's Day! St. Valentine was actually a martyr who died for his faith. On this Valentine's day, following the example of St. Valentine, we offer our love to those in our lives, and above all, to the Lord. As Jesus said, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:12-13). St. Valentine fulfilled this command, and may we do the same.

It's almost fish fry time! The <u>sign up genius</u> was sent home on Monday. Just a reminder, all Athletic families are required to work at 3 out of 4 fish fries. The sign up is filling quickly, so if you haven't signed up already, please do so soon. We invite all families to come and eat at the fish fries during lent.! They will take place at St. Augustine on March 8, March 22, April 5, and April 19. Join us for dinner and to support St. Augustine Athletics! By the way, we are still in need of help with advertising in the bulletins at area parishes. Please call the office if you can help.

Baby bottles were sent home with all students last week. Please continue to collect change to support the Blue Water Pregnancy Care Center. We are collecting diapers in size newborn, 5, or 6. Any family that sends in a package of diapers will have their name put into a drawing. We truly appreciate the generosity of our SAS families!

Congratulations to our 7th and 8th grade students who were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on Wednesday morning. We are very proud of them!



Several weeks ago, Father Joe sent a letter home explaining a new format that we'd like to try for next year's fundraiser. Rather than the auction, we are going to have a fancy night out, with dinner and dancing. We will have some raffles and entertainment, but the focus will be on enjoying a relaxing evening and donating what you can to our school. As you are aware, the money raised by the auction has been used to redo the science lab, purchase new tables & chairs for the art room, purchase a cabinet for the art room, purchase chromebooks, and move playground equipment to our school. The money raised is used to make improvements to our school that couldn't be made otherwise. Please consider signing up to help plan for our dinner dance fundraiser. We want to be able to continue to make improvements to our school and do these special projects, but we are unable to do it without your help. One reason we chose to try this new format is because putting together the auction is a ton of work, which is usually done by a small group of people. The dinner dance will be a simpler format; therefore, the preparation will be much less demanding. The money raised also helps keep tuition down. Funds raised allow improvements to be made without having to increase tuition rates for families. The sign up sheet can be found here. Thank you.

At this time, we are two snow days over our limit. We have 5 extra days already built into our calendar, and are making up a ½ day on March 15. Many of you may have heard that districts were given three extra days, but unfortunately it isn't quite that simple. There is a waiver available where districts can apply for three extra days. However, in doing so, evidence has to be provided that the days cannot be made up. We are currently looking at our options. This will be a topic of discussion at the next School Advisory Committee meeting, so if you have any ideas about making up the extra days, please pass them along to a School Advisory Committee member. Their names are all listed on our website.

Archery club is underway! Just a reminder- the pay to participate fee for archery is \$10. Please make sure that fee is paid. Here are a few pictures of the fun at archery:





Scout Sunday is coming up. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and their leaders are invited to wear their uniforms to mass and sit in a reserved pew on February 24. Scouts will be celebrated at the 9:00 mass at St. Augustine, and the 10:30 mass at Holy Family. Join us to celebrate our Scouts!



Congratulations to both the JV and Varsity boys' basketball teams who continue to play well. JV has won all three games so far against St. Peter's and IC. Varsity won against St. Mary St. Clair and IC, had a loss against St. Mary St. Clair in a close game. The cheerleaders have also done a great job keeping the fans involved and excited. So far we are off to a great season. A few games have been rescheduled due to snow days, so please see those dates in the upcoming dates to know.

Have a fantastic mid-winter break! For those of you who are traveling, stay safe! See you all on Tuesday!

Upcoming dates to know:

- Feb. 15-18 MID-WINTER BREAK
- Feb 19- For Parents- Internet Safety Presentation, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall
- Feb 20- Confirmation Rehearsal 5:30
- Feb 21- RESCHEDULED Basketball game at MCA- Varsity only at 6:30
- Feb 23- Academic Olympics 8:00-1:00
- Feb 24- Scout Sunday, 9 am Mass at SA, or 10:30 at HF
- Feb 25- Basketball game at Holy Family against St. Peters (JV- 6:30) & MCA (V- 7:30)
- Feb 26- **School Advisory Committee**, 7pm in Library
- Mar 4- Basketball game (JV ONLY) at St. Peters against IC (6:30) & St. Peters (7:30)
- Mar 7- RESCHEDULED Basketball game against IC at Holy Family- 6:30 JV, 7:30 Varsity
- Mar 7- Technology Committee meeting, 7 pm
- Mar 11- Basketball game at Holy Cross (Varsity ONLY- 6:30)
- Mar 12- Safety Committee meeting, 5:30 pm
- Mar 14- **Open House**, 6-7:30
- Mar 15- FULL DAY of school (previously a half day)
- Mar 16- Science Olympiad- Macomb Tournament
- Mar 18- RESCHEDULED Basketball game at Holy Family against Holy Cross (Varsity ONLY-6:30)
- Mar 19- Active Shooter Info. Night for Parents with Chief Teske, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall
- Mar 26- Baby Shower/ presentation by Blue Water Pregnancy Care Center