

March 6, 2020

Principal's Message -Mrs. Lenn

Congratulations to our February students of the month: Mariz Bolanos, Jake DeLange, JT Schweihofer, Giselle Graebert, Mizael Bolanos, Jorma Schlegel, Josie Boutorwick, Ava Zyble, and Tyler Lenn. Way to go, Saints!



Congratulations to our SASS card winners for February- Jake DeLange, Olivia Thimmes, Cooper Ziehmer, Kyle Krause, Josie Boutorwick, Antonio Liberatore, Olivia Glynn, Jakub Moczulski, Natalie Eisen, and Isabella Bongiovanni. We are proud of all of our Saints who earned SASS cards this month!! Keep it up!

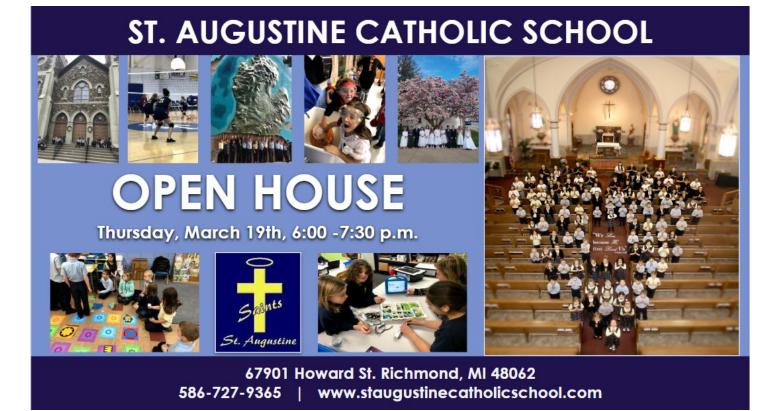


Our Good News Book Fair materials arrived today! The book fair will be open this Sunday from 10-11 (after 9:00 mass), next week during the school day, and on Tuesday evening until 5:30. We are so excited to have this book fair! Remember to take the opportunity to purchase gifts for those who are making the Sacraments this year or even for Easter as well. Here are some titles I saw and loved! There are so many great books. Definitely check it out!



Lent is upon us! Father Joe has reminded us that Lent is a joyful time about conversion. The message on the sign in front of the church is clear- instead of giving up chocolate, give up sin. We are observing Lent at school in several ways. We are learning a new morning prayer: "O God, you created me and put me on Earth for a purpose. Jesus, you died for me and called me to help complete Your work. Holy Spirit, you inspire me to carry out the work for which I was created and called. May all of my thoughts and actions have their origin in You and be directed to Your glory. Amen." Another principal shared this prayer with me, and I loved its message, so we are praying it together as a school each morning. We are also learning more about the stations of the cross. Students are studying the stations in class and we all received purple bracelets at mass this week to remind us of the opening prayer for the stations of the cross. We will pray the stations together as a school near the end of Lent, before Easter break begins. During Lent, students will spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We will learn, discuss, and prepare in class, and then will go before the Lord in adoration twice during Lent. During adoration, we will pray or simply be quiet before the Lord and spend some time with him. Our third-eighth grade students will have reconciliation during Lent after school mass. As you observe Lent as a family, remember that there are fish frys happening at either Holy Family (4-7 pm) or St. Augustine (4:30-7pm) every Friday. Immediately following the fish fry, stations of the cross will be prayed in the church. All are welcome.

March is Reading Month! Our teachers have organized fun activities for our students that revolve around reading this month. Each week will have a different theme. This week we focused on Dr. Seuss, our favorite Dr. Seuss stories, and had a crazy hat day (check out the crazy hats on our students of the month and SASS card winners). Next week we will focus on poetry, especially Shel Silverstein's poetry. Each class will do a Shel Silverstein poem/mad lib, which will be displayed in the hallway. **On Friday, we will have a backwards and inside out day. Students may dress down IF they wear their clothing backwards and inside out.** I'm sure we will share lots of laughs while enjoying Shel Silverstein's poetry and wearing our clothes in funny ways! The Archdiocese has recommended that churches and schools take extra precautions to prevent the spread of the flu. The Precious Blood will not be served at mass until further notice. Also, during the sign of peace, we will not shake hands; instead, we will simply say, "Peace be with you". We are keeping our building clean and sanitized. We have mounted hand sanitizer dispensers in all classrooms and will be installing them in the parish hall as well. Please help us stop the spread of the flu by keeping your child home if they aren't feeling well. Remember, that children MUST be fever free without medication for 24 hours before they may return to class. Thank you!



Our open house is coming! We have students speaking after each mass this weekend at St. Augustine and Holy Family, sharing the many ways that Catholic school has positively impacted their lives. Also, like last year, we are in need of some help from students to help our open house be successful. I will be asking St. Augustine Honor Society students and upper grade Student Council members to help give tours to visiting families. Our adult volunteers who run Lego Robotics, Science Olympiad, and Chess Club will be asking some of the participating students to represent and demonstrate these activities at our open house. Kindergarten night is also coming. This is an evening for parents and children who will enter kindergarten next year to come and learn about our transitional and traditional kindergarten programs. We are excited to open our doors and share the wonderful things we have to offer with families who want to learn more about our school! Please spread the word! Share our events on Facebook if you can!



Lego Robotics session 1 is wrapping up. Some of our session 1 participants will be demonstrating their robots at open house. Session 2 is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, March 24 from 3-4:30. If your 3-8 grader is interested, please sign them up <u>HERE</u>. <u>Students must be signed</u> <u>up in order to participate</u>. If your child already participated in session 1, we will give priority to new participants first, but if there are openings after that, session 1 participants will be allowed to return. Please wait to be contacted by one of our parent volunteers BEFORE sending session 1 participants back to robotics on March 24. Thank you!

Upcoming dates to know:

- Mar 7- Archery 10:00
- Mar 8- 7th grade parent confirmation meeting 10:15 in Parish Hall
- Mar 9- JV boys game @ St. Mary, 6:30; Varsity boys game @ MCA, 6:30

- Mar 10- Technology Committee 6:00
- Mar 11- JV boys game against St. Mary @ HF, 6:30; Varsity boys game against St. Mary @ HF, 7:30
- Mar 13- Fish Fry
- Mar 14- Archery 10:00
- Mar 15- Confirmation mass, 12:30
- Mar 16- Varsity boys game @ RMS, 6:00
- Mar 17- PTC meeting 6pm; Fundraiser meeting 7pm
- Mar 18-3-5 grade Reconciliation; JV boys game against IC @ HF, 6:30; Varsity boys game against IC @ HF, 7:30
- Mar 19- Open House 6-7:30
- Mar 20-21- Varsity Basketball Tournament (Friday @ St. Peter's, Saturday @ Holy Familywatch for a signup genius for specific jobs we need help with)
- Mar 21- Science Olympiad Competition, Varsity Basketball tournament @ Holy Family, PTC Mom 2 Mom Sale @ St. A's
- Mar 24- Lego Robotics session 2 begins; School Advisory, 7pm
- Mar 25- 6-8 grade Reconciliation, Kindergarten Night 6-7pm
- Mar 27- Fish Fry
- Mar 28- Archery 10:00; Bowling with my Best Gal 11:00 at Premier Lanes
- March 31- Save Sex Program parent meeting, 6:30 in Library
- April 1- Athletic Banquet, 6:00
- April 6- Preschool Carnival
- April 7- 8th grade Save Sex program
- April 9- NO SCHOOL- Easter break begins
- April 10- Fish Fry
- April 20- School resumes

