



May 1, 2020

Principal's Message

-Mrs. Lenn

Spirit week was so much fun! Thank you for participating!! The videos are still posted [here](#) if you haven't had a chance to view them all yet. Today's Saints Day will be added for viewing with Monday's announcement video. Stay tuned for more all school fun that will be coming!! Here are a few pictures from all the fun! Watch the videos to see them all. Throwback Thursday was a hoot!

PJ Day:



College Day:



Crazy Hair:



Throwback Thursday:



Saints Day:



Next week is Teacher Appreciation week. Take a look at what [PTC has planned to celebrate our amazing teachers](#). Weather permitting, we have something fun planned for Friday too! At this time, please pencil in “special event” on your calendar from 4-5 pm next Friday. More details will be forthcoming. Your kids won’t want to miss it!

I had an interesting opportunity last weekend to participate in a phone call with President Trump and over 600 other Catholic school leaders around the nation. The President spoke about his support for Catholic education and commended us for the work we are doing with our schools. Other speakers included Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop Gomez, Superintendents of Denver and LA Catholic schools, and representing the Archdiocese of Detroit was Sister Catherine Marie (Principal at St. Isaac Jogues in St. Clair Shores). Many of those who spoke clearly articulated to President Trump the importance of Catholic education and the need for support for our families. I was thankful to the President for taking the time to speak with us.

As time passes, we realize that some parents may be going back to work in the coming weeks. We also understand that this presents challenges in working on school work at home. In order to help you plan ahead, teachers will be posting their weekly checklists to their websites on Sundays. If your child’s teacher emails assignments to you (this applies to the lower grades), teachers will also make every attempt to send these to you before Monday, to help you plan and print any necessary papers. I hope this is helpful. Remember that we are here to work with you, and we

are trying to keep parents in mind as we make plans. We are also beginning to plan for the need to collect textbooks and distribute your child's personal belongings to you. While we cannot determine a date on which we will do this yet, we are in the planning stages of this event and will provide more information as soon as we possibly can.

Over the course of the next two weeks, we will present a program mandated by the AOD called Circle of Grace. This program is designed to help children understand their own dignity in mind, body, and spirit. It is taught each year to all students in our schools and faith formation program. Since we are doing this during distance learning, teachers will be using a mix of teacher created videos and face-to-face instruction during weekly class Zoom or Google Meets. Please do the best you can to have your child attend these meetings so that they can participate in the discussions. Attached please find a letter to parents along with common questions and key concepts that will be taught during the next two weeks in our school. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about this program. If you would like to opt out of having your child participate, you can do so [here](#).

Just a reminder: Our school yearbook is currently being compiled. If you have photos to share for the yearbook, please email them to Mrs. Hoppe at staugustinecatholicyearbook@gmail.com ASAP. Remember to include a title and description of the event. We are also accepting entries for this year's yearbook cover. Please follow the instructions on the next page to have your student create and submit an entry to be considered as this year's front or back cover design. All entries are due by May 4, WHICH IS THIS MONDAY. Please help Mrs. Hoppe get this yearbook ready!

Planning ahead, there will be two vacancies on the School Advisory Committee. If you are interested, keep this in mind as we will be asking for nominees next fall.

Just a reminder, the Tuition Assistance Program application deadline is approaching. All documents need to be turned in by May 15 for consideration. There will only be one round this year. All documents and instructions can be found [here](#). If you are concerned about finances heading into next year, be aware that we are willing to work with you. Father Joe has asked that you let us know so that we can help, so please be sure to contact Father Joe or myself if this is a concern for you. Thank you!