



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.

September 6, 2019

Principal's Message

-Mrs. Lenn

Thank you to those families who donated candy for the parade. We pass out so much candy during the parade that we go through it rather quickly. We appreciate your help! Look for us on Sunday in the parade, which starts at 1:30, and heads down Main Street. It starts at Ridge, and ends at Mary Street, just past the church. You won't be able to miss our ark float!

Remember that tickets are on sale for the Falling Into Faith Fundraiser dinner!! You can purchase them on Eventbrite. The cost is \$65 per ticket, which includes dinner and drinks. When you purchase your tickets online, you will have the option to choose your seats/table. Here is the link again: [Falling Into Faith Dinner Tickets](#). Please try to come to this event! Invite your family and friends. It is sure to be a great evening for everyone. Remember that this is the main fundraising event for our school, and the money from past year's fundraisers has been used to renovate our science lab, purchase chromebooks, upgrade our art room furniture, and add new playground equipment. Not only do we depend on your attendance, but we also greatly appreciate your support with donations. In past years, every family provided a \$50 auction item. This year we are in need of the following: wine (at least \$15 value), \$1-\$30 lottery tickets, cash donations (used for a mixed greens raffle), and scrip cards. Please help in any way you can. All items are due by October 1. If you are sending wine to school, please bring it directly to the office. Wine CANNOT be carried into school by children. Thanks!

Fall athletics are starting! Our girls' **Volleyball** team has held three practices this week. All practices and home games will be held at St. Peter's gym. Reporting time for games is 6:00, and the games begin at 6:30. All are welcome to attend and cheer on the Saints! First game is coming up on September 16 at Holy Cross! **Cross Country** will begin practice next week on Friday from 4:05-4:50 (immediately following run club). Practices will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays, with the first meet planned for Thursday, September 19. **Athletes must have a current physical on file, and pay to play fees turned in before the first game/meet.** Games/meets will be listed in the upcoming dates to know; however, all practices will not. Please follow the practice schedules provided by our coaches.

Parents, if your children aren't old enough for athletics yet, but want to do something fun after school, they can join **Run Club!** Run Club is for all grades; however 2nd grade and younger must have a parent present in order to participate. Run Club is held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:10-4:00 in the playground area.



There will be a meeting on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00 in the school library for all middle school students and parents who are interested in **Science Olympiad**. It is an informational meeting, so come and find out what Science Olympiad is all about! There are new events this year, and some returning events. Our team did fantastic last year, and we are looking forward to another successful tournament!

This week we had our first all school mass. Our students participated well and mass went smoothly. Our eighth graders were good role models for all students as they led the mass this week. Many of our middle school students serve as mass helpers each week for the younger students. We also started to practice our new song, "Counting Every Blessing" by Rend Collective. Students will be singing this song as the closing song for this year's all school masses, and will begin to sing it in church starting next week.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue to work on our morning drop off and after school pick up procedures. Safety is our number one concern during drop off/pick up. I appreciate your attention to the instructions of our Gracious Greeters who help our students drop off and cross safely. We have the added bonus of our safety patrol students as well, who are especially

helpful in patrolling the lot at pick up. Traffic cannot move during pick up until students are in their vehicles or waiting on the sidewalk. Remember, once the cars parked in the lines closest to Howard are released, the barricades will be moved, and parked traffic can exit toward the playground end of the lot.

Next week we will practice our first fire drill. Teachers will prepare students for the first drill and show them exactly what to do. We will continue to practice these drills throughout the year to make sure we can exit the building safely and efficiently. We will also practice tornado and lockdown drills several times throughout the year.

A few reminders about lunch: students are able to purchase an extra entree for \$1.25, provided that we have entrees left after orders are served. Your child's lunch account will be charged. If you DO NOT want your child to purchase an extra entree, just let us know. Also, there is a snack cart available where students can purchase snack items with cash after they have finished eating their lunch. We do not allow students to charge snacks to their lunch account, in an effort to be sure that eating their lunch is the priority. Thanks.

8th grade families, here are some dates to remember. If your student will attend a Catholic high school next year, they need to take the High School Placement test. There are workshop opportunities offered prior to the test, at Austin Catholic High School on November 2, and at Cardinal Mooney on November 16. The test will be administered in both locations on November 23 and December 2. There will be a final opportunity at Austin on March 7. Also, Austin is having their fall open house on October 27, from 12-3. Our students will visit Cardinal Mooney for a shadow day on October 1. More information will be coming soon.

Upcoming dates to know:

- Sept. 8- Backpack blessing at all Sunday masses- students bring backpacks to mass
- Sept. 8- Good Old Days Parade, 1:30
- Sept 10- Fundraiser Committee meeting, 6pm in library
- Sept 11- Run Club begins, 3:10-4:00
- Sept 13- Cross Country practice begins, 4:05-4:50
- Sept 16- Volleyball game at Holy Cross, 6:30
- Sept 16-17 Picture Days (PS- grade 8 on Sept 16, PS & anyone who missed on Sept 17),
Dress up day
- Sept 17- Youth Choir practice 3:15-4:15 in church; Science Olympiad Informational meeting, 6 pm in library
- Sept 18- Volleyball game against MCA at St. Peter's, 6:30
- Sept 23- Volleyball game against IC at St. Peter's, 6:30

- Sept 24- Youth Choir practice 3:15-4:15 in church; Fundraiser Committee meeting, 6pm in library; School Advisory Committee meeting, 7pm in library
- Sept 25- 2nd grade Bible Blessing 6-7:30; Science Olympiad Coaches meeting, 6 pm in library; Volleyball game against Holy Cross at St. Peter's, 6:30
- Sept 27- NO SCHOOL- Teacher Prof. Development
- Sept 30- Catholic High School Night at St. A's parish hall; 6-7:30
- Oct 1- 8th grade visit to Cardinal Mooney
- Oct 2- Volleyball game at IC, 6:30
- Oct 3- Flu shots available in parish hall; 2:30-6

