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Prayer for Family



Heavenly Father, Please shine your light upon my family. Give us strength to overcome all of the difficulties that we are dealing with now and protect us against any and all problems we may encounter in the future. O Lord, please bring us together as we are meant to be. May the love that binds us only grow stronger as we fulfill the destiny you have laid out for us.
Grant my family forgiveness for any sins we have committed. May we also forgive one another Lord, as it is sometimes difficult to do.
Bless us Lord, In your name I pray, Amen

ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be an Ash Wednesday Service on March 1, 2017 at 9:00 at St. Augustine Parish. All parents and guardians are welcomed.

VIRTUE OF MONTH

The following students are recognized for their demonstration of  in the month of January.

Miss Jacobs/Miss MacFarlane	Madilyn B.
Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman	Lily L.
Mr. Hewitson	Sophie S.
Mr. Havers	Isaiah S.
Mrs. Bury	Samantha M.
Mrs. MacEachern	Sophia C.
Ms. Cornale	Daniela P.
Mrs. Harold	Rachel A.
Miss Filice	Carissa Y.
Mrs. Ferrara	Adam J.
Mr. Burgio	Grace O.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

The Grade 2 students will take part in their First Reconciliation Ceremony on Saturday, February 4, 2017. Special thanks to Father Love for his time and guidance.

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Your part of the Family! It won't be the same without you! Sign up now to be part of the St. Augustine Church Pictorial Directory and receive your Complimentary Directory and 8 x 10 Family Portrait. Look for the information sheet sent home with each student for photography dates and details.

SCHOOL SAFETY

PICKING UP STUDENTS

To ensure the safety of all of our students parents are reminded that any changes to your child's pick up schedule need to be sent to the school through the student's agenda or through the main office. Teacher will escort our primary student's to the yard, if a designated pick up person is not there the students will be brought to the office until picked up. In order to help us help us ensure we have the most up to date information an information sheet has been sent home with student's from FDK to grade 3.

JUNIOR & SENIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registrations will take place

February 2 – February 17, 2017

Junior Kindergarten: Child must be 4 years of age by Dec 31, 2017.

Senior Kindergarten: Child must be 5 years of age by Dec. 31, 2017.

It is not necessary to re-Register students who are presently attending JK Classes.

Birth & Baptismal Certificates: For verification, we will require your child's Birth & Baptismal Certificate, which we will copy and return to you immediately.

Tax Form: If you already have a child in St. Augustine School, a new form is not necessary unless you have recently moved.

Separate School Lease: Necessary to accompany the tax forms if one parent is Non-Catholic. Both parents must sign this.

Immunization Record: Re: Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1982: This act requires that records be maintained an immunization status of each school student under the age of 18 years.

Please call the school office (905 523-2338) to book an appointment.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS



CAKE RAFFLE

This month we look forward to holding a St. Valentine's Day Cake Raffle on Tuesday, February 14, 2017. We are asking for your help to raise school spirit and contribute to the draw by donating a cake, cupcakes or cookies. **Please remember that they must not contain nuts.** Cakes should also be brought in a cardboard box that will allow students to easily carry them home. Tickets will begin to be sold the week of February 6th to 10th for 25 cents each or 5 for \$1.00. The draw will be limited to one cake per student. Students are invited to come to school on Tuesday, February 14/17 wearing red, white and pink and all their favourite Valentine accessories.

WINTER WALK DAY

Wednesday, February 1, 2017 is Winter Walk Day across Canada.

Walk to school or at school for daily physical activity, a healthier environment, safer streets, making friends and ... having fun!



SNUGGLE UP AND READ

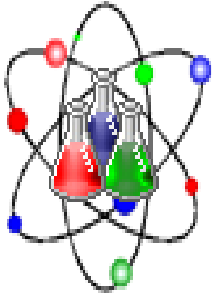


Our day will begin in the learning commons with a book reading for our primary students on February 10, 2017. Students are invited to wear their pyjamas, school appropriate on this day and bring a stuffy and/or special book. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us for these events. Hot chocolate will be offered to all students and guests on this day. We ask all students to bring in a metal or plastic reusable mug or cup to demonstrate ECO spirit. Let's protect our environment!

COZY SWEATER DAY

We will be decreasing the temperature in the school by 2 Degrees © on February 24, 2017. Students are invited to wear a cosy sweater or sweatshirt to keep themselves warm.

SCIENCE FAIR



The St. Augustine Science Fair is quickly approaching. Students have been working extremely hard on their experiments and should be completing the finishing touches to their reports and backboards. We know many students have been working very hard on their projects and we would like to inform you of upcoming dates. Friday, February 17, 2017 – St. Augustine Science Fair Open House – 12:30 – 2:30 (families and guests are welcome to view the science fair). All students participating must bring in their backboards, report (in a binder or duo tang), abstract (on a separate piece of paper), journal and any other materials to be set up on Thursday, February 16, 2017. This is very important since students will not have time to set up on Thursday since judging begins at 8:35 a.m.

ALL MATERIALS WILL BE SENT HOME THE DAY OF THE FAIR.



1ST TERM REPORT CARDS 1st Term Report Cards go home on Wednesday, February 15th, 2017. Please read the report card carefully. Please sign and return the report card to your child's classroom teacher. This document goes into your child's OSR (Ontario Student Record). We ask that you return the report card as soon as possible.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

On Tuesday February 28, 2017 the Catholic School Council will be providing pancakes for all students. This event requires many volunteers to make it a success and we would appreciate your help. Please bring along your electric griddle, mixing bowls and flippers. We will be getting started early this year and will be finished at lunch time, so plan to arrive around 8:35am. This event will take place in the gym. All pancakes will be served prior to the lunch period, so your child may require a lunch.



If you can help, please contact Donna Faria Sienna at Donna.Sienna@gmail.com or 905-628-4611. We are also accepting monetary donations at the school to help cover costs. Please advise if there are any food allergies or concerns.

Thank you,
The Spiritual Committee

PARENT COUNCIL RECRUITMENT –

We need your help.

Please come and join the parent council to share your ideas and voice your questions. The parent council meets approximately once a month. If you are able to join 1 meeting or all of the meetings your support is appreciated. Sub-committees are also available if you have a specific interest within the school. The best way to stay informed on your child's school is to participate. If you have any questions on the parent council, please contact Mr. Trotta, principal, who can direct you to the appropriate council member.



Our next School Council meeting is Monday, February 27, 2017 at 6:15pm in the school Library. All are welcome!!

SAVE THE DATE!!

St. Augustine's Catholic School Council's



Toonie and Silent Auction

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SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA

Toonie and Silent Auction

Saturday, April 22nd 7:00pm

Tickets are \$15.00 each and will be available soon!

This is a great night for some fun, many great prizes to be won, music, food and drinks! Invite your family and friends!

Contact the school office at 905 523-2338 for more information or to donate a prize to the auction.

Hope to see you there!

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LUNCHROOM SUPERVISORS

We are looking to hire Paid lunch supervisors to work one hour per day 11:20 am to 12:10pm Monday to Friday. Applicants will need to have a Police Criminal Reference Vulnerable Screening dated within the year, a TB Test Result – dated within the year as well as a SIN number. Applicants please contact the Main Office.

MARRIAGE AND PARENTING TIPS FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY

"The responsibility of each person is to bring one's own experience and one's own thought to the place where the community has its conversations, to offer and accept criticism, to honour the position of others, and to respect oneself, not in isolation but in this creative mutuality. The mutuality, in this community, has a name, the Holy Spirit."

- James Carroll

