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OPENING PRAYER



Merciful God,
 look upon us as we enter these Forty Days,
 bearing the mark of ashes,
 and bless our journey through the desert of Lent.
 May our fasting be hunger for justice;
 our alms, a making of peace;
 our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.
 All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus,
 for in his cross you proclaim your love
 for ever and ever. Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be an Ash Wednesday Service on February 14, 2018 at 9:00 at St. Augustine Parish. All parents and guardians are welcomed.

This year, St Valentine's Day falls on Ash Wednesday. Due to the solemnity of this occasion in our church, we are asking that all Valentines treats be sent in **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13th**. Class parties and events will take place on this day. Thank you for your understating in this matter.

VIRTUE OF MONTH

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

Mrs. Bacik/Miss MacFarlane	Josie S.
Mr. Havers	Lila S.
Mrs. Bury	Lillian W.
Mrs. MacEachern	Ana Clara R.
Mrs. Harold	Stefan P.
Ms. Cornale	Georgia D.
Mr. Hewitson	Liam B.
Miss Filice	Andrew V.
Mr. Welsh	Kate M.
Mrs Stayshyn	Luke B.
Mr. Palkowski	Tyler C.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

The Grade 2 students will take part in their First Reconciliation Ceremony on Saturday, March 24, 2018. Special thanks to Father Love for his time and guidance.

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 5 – February 16, 2018

Junior Kindergarten: Child must be 4 years of age by Dec 31, 2018.

Senior Kindergarten: Child must be 5 years of age by Dec. 31, 2018.

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.



WINTER WALK DAY

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 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 12, 2018. 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!

OLYMPIC GAMES 2018

SPIRIT WEAR



Friday February 9th marks the opening of the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang South Korea. On this day. Canada, along with many different countries will march together in solidarity of sports, teamwork and the world coming together to celebrate talents and gifts. Here at St Augustine we want to cheer on Team Canada by dressing down and wearing red, white and/or any Canadian Olympic gear you may have. Please help show your support for our "True North Strong and Free" !! GO CANADA GO!!

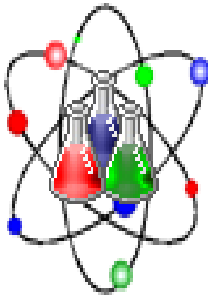


Winter Walk Day - Active & Safe Routes to School

www.saferoutestoschool.ca

Don't hibernate - walk to school and celebrate! Winter Walk Day is
Wednesday Feb 7th, 2018

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 16, 2018 – 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 15, 2018. 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 13th, 2018. 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 13, 2018 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.



School boards play a critical role in the Early Years sector. To support an integrated approach to the planning and delivery of before-and-after school programs, school boards are required to consult with the parent community to determine demand and program viability. A Parent Survey has been created and can be accessed online.

<https://survey.hwcdsb.ca/Survey.aspx?s=fe831332762c4e97960b7e2b5a79201d>

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATIONS!



Along with our Pancake Tuesday celebrations, St Augustine school will be celebrating Mardi Gras on Tuesday February 13th. Students are allowed to dress down and show their Mardi Gras spirit by wearing bright colours such as purple, orange, yellow and green!! This is a time to party and get in all of those yummy treats before we put everything away and celebrate the Lenten Season. So please join us on this day of celebration and show your bright, fabulous, fancy colours!!!

TALENT SHOW

Talent show sign-ups will begin Friday February 5th and run until Friday February 16th, with auditions beginning on Monday March 5th. Please listen for announcements for further information!

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 12, 2018 at 6:15pm in the school Library. All are welcome!!

HEALTH ACTION TEAM

A group of four RPN TO BSCN nursing students from Macmaster will be working at St. Augustine School every Wednesday until April. We will be collaborating with the Public Health Nurse and the Health Action Team to work on the five ways of well being.

We look forward to meeting you in the future,
Sarah, Martha, Jeanette & Brittini

