

Pre-Registration

The Pre-registration and Tuition and Fee Forms for 2018-2019 are attached to this newsletter. Please complete and return by Wednesday, March 14th. It is important that every family completes and returns the form by the deadline in order for the school to make plans for next school year.

ISTEP+ Online Assessments

This year St. A. students in grades 3-5 are taking the ISTEP+ Assessments online for the very 1st time. This has predictably presented seen and unforeseen challenges for ALL of us.

- We essentially have not benefitted from a regular uninterrupted school schedule and routine since returning from Christmas break. This is due to snow, extreme cold, and flooding. This lack of a routine and loss of planned on-line practice sessions for ISTEP were significantly curtailed, which likely will negatively impact aggregate scores.
- Complications encountered during testing prompted numerous tests to be stopped in the am and restarted in the pm. Any semblance of continuity was lost and will likely be reflected in our student's scores in English Language Arts.
- Keyboarding proficiency in a timed setting is very challenging to any student, but particularly so to a 3rd grader. Our staff was very intentional about enhancing their skills in this area using a program, "Keyboarding Without Tears" and other means to best prepare them for ISTEP+ Online. The skills being assessed and scored should ideally not be reflective of extraneous factors such as a student's ability to proficiently type. Paper & pencil assessments would have been preferred, but that was not an option for St. A. this school year.

Yearbooks

Yearbook order forms and sponsor letter are attached to this newsletter. Order forms/sponsor sheet and money are due by March 9. yearbooks are \$15 per copy and only available in color. Yearbooks can not be ordered after the deadline.

Swimming Unit in PE

The permission form and schedule for swimming went home Monday, February 26st. Please return the permission form and money by Friday March 2!! Swimming will begin Wed. March 7 and continue through March 14

Fair Share Update 2.0

Prior to the end of the 2017-18 school year, the Fair Share program will be rolled out. The program is designed to provide expanded opportunities for volunteerism, so that more parents have the opportunity to put their skills, experience, and expertise to work for St. A School.

The Vision for Fair Share will be added to the March 6 PFA agendas and shared by Mr. Schooler.

Photos Requested**PLEASE, PLEASE SEND IN PHOTOS**

If you have photos from school events and are willing to share them for the yearbook and/or website, please email them to: simmons@s-augustine.org.

COMING SOON!**March**

- 1-9-ISTEP Testing
 - 1-No Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences, Newsletter
 - 2- No Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences, Mass Grade 1
 - 6- PFA Meeting 6:30 pm
 - 7-Swimming @ RCHS Pool
 - 9- Mass Grade 5
 - 12-16-IREAD3 Testing
 - 13- End of Third Nine Weeks
 - 14- Swimming @ RCHS Pool
 - 15- Newsletter, Music Class Violin Day
 - 16- Mass Grade 4, Report Cards Sent Home
 - 21- Swimming @ RCHS Pool, Jeans Day for Camp Wack, Crazy Sock day for Down Syndrome Awareness
 - 22- Newsletter
 - 23-30- Spring Break
- Please Note Change in Mass Schedule for March.**
- First Grade March 2**
- Fifth Grade March 9**
- Fourth Grade March 16**

Hoops for Heart

The month of February is Healthy Heart Month. St. A. has partnered with the American Heart Association and will participate in their Hoops for Heart Program. If you haven't already done so, please read the information sent home explaining the intent of the program, how to register on-line, etc. . Signing on to:

heart.org/hoops

is also a great way to find out additional

SAS BUCK\$\$

SASBUCK\$ News: The March Merchant of the Month is Northside Car-wash! This means that the entire \$2 rebate is applied to your student's earnings for the year. If you're still trying to figure out how to make SASBUCK\$ part of your regular routine, remember that there are three ways to order: 1) Place an order in the school office or after church, 2) Stop by the school office & purchase cards that are on hand, or 3) Set up an account online (quickest method) at www.shopwithscrip.com. Call the school 866-5480 or contact Marie Oliver (219-964-8567) with questions.

MISSION

The mission of the St. Augustine School family is to provide a quality Catholic education, which prepares each child to be a successful, productive, and loving human being. St. Augustine School accomplishes this by developing Catholic values in each student and providing academic excellence through a core curriculum strong in the basic skills while recognizing each student's ability and striving to inspire an enthusiasm for life long learning.

Popcorn Poppers

List is the schedule for March Friday popcorn poppers. Please call the school office to volunteer.

March 2-Open, Please Volunteer

March 9- Bill & Dianne Hollerman

March 16- Bill & Dianne Hollerman

Box Tops for Education

The box tops submission contest will continue on a by monthly bases. A gift card will be awarded in the month of January, and March. Ten Box Tops are good for one entry. There is no limit on how many entries a student can have. The more box tops submitted the more chances of winning. This is an ongoing fundraiser. Please sign up online at boxtops4education.com for sweepstakes and bonuses for additional box tops deposited in our school account. We have earned \$423.50 this school year. Our goal is \$1,200.00

January Winner

Ollie Rusk

VISION

St. Augustine School will be a caring educational community that has a strong Catholic identity and enthusiasm for learning and teaching.

50/50

The next 50/50 drawing will be Friday, March 16. The cost is \$30 for six months and \$60 for a year. Each month four people win cash; \$100.00, \$75.00, \$50.00, or \$25.00. **WE NEED ADDITIONAL MEMBERS. PLEASE JOIN TODAY!!**

February Winners

\$100- Chris Scheurich

\$75- Cheryl Hillan

\$50- Belinda Robinson

\$25- Sister Kathryn

Playground and Lunch Helpers

We are looking for volunteers for lunch helpers and playground in March Please contact the school office @ 866-5480 if you available to help.

Playground

March 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20

Lunch

March 2, 5, 9, 16, 19

Spirit Wear

We still have tumblers, coffee mugs and water bottle available for sell in the school office.

