

Catholic Schools Week

Our 2018 celebration of Catholic Schools Week featured many special activities, programs, and events. None of these would have been possible without the love, hard work, and dedication of our school staff and loyal volunteers. Thank you ALL so very much!

ISTEP+ / IREAD3

The 2018 schedule of ISTEP+ and IREAD3 Assessments is as follows:

- ISTEP+ Part I Applied Skills Grades 3-5 February 26-March 9
- IREAD3 Grade 3 March 12-16
- ISTEP+ Part II Multiple Choice Grades 3-5 April 16-May 4

ALL of these tests will be administered on-line this year for the 1st time, which may have the potential of influencing our scores and school grade. The reason being is that keyboarding skills and the time it takes to type, cut and paste, and plot answers versus paper and pencil responses will likely require additional time on these timed tests. That translates into hurried responses and incomplete tests. It will also refocus energy and attention on keyboarding skills and less on the test content itself. In response to these concerns, we have been intentional about preparing our students with several keyboarding programs, and will administer practice test questions over the next few weeks.

Schedule Change

Music and PE schedule will change the week of February 12. PE will be Tuesday February 13 and Music will be

Ash Wednesday Fish Fry

Knights of Columbus

Wednesday February 14,
2018

Serving from 5:00-7:00 Pm

Take outs available

866-9938

**PROCEEDS TO BE
DONATED TO ST.
AUGUSTINE SCHOOL!!**

Hope to see you all!!!

Fair Share Update

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 the same people are not relied upon time and time again.

Fair Share will be added to future PFA agendas, so St. A. staff and parents may have their voices heard.

Photos Requested

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!**February**

- 8- Newsletter
- 8-9- Principals Retreat
- 9- Mass Grade 4, Classroom Valentine Parties
- 12- PFA Meeting 6:30 pm, Progress Reports Sent Home,
- 13- P.E. , Basketball Wrap Party
- 14- Ash Wednesday Mass 8:30 am Grade 3
- 15- Music
- 16- School Weather Make-up January 5, No Mass
- 19- School Weather Make-up Day for January 12
- 22- Newsletter
- 23- Mass Grade 2
- 26-Mar. 9- ISTEP Testing

March

- 1-9- ISTEP Testing
- 12-16- IREAD3 Testing
- 1- No Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 2- No Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences, Mass Grade 5
- 6- PFA Meeting 6:30 pm
- 8- Newsletter
- 9- Mass Grade 4
- 13- End of Third Nine Weeks
- 16- Mass Grade 3, Report Cards Sent Home
- 22- Newsletter
- 23-30- Spring Break

SAS BUCK\$

The February Merchant of the Month is Ceres! This means that the entire 3% rebate is applied to your family's earnings for the year. Take advantage of this promotion period to make a dent in the \$50 each St. A. school family is responsible for earning per their tuition agreement. Already reached this goal, continue using SASBUCK\$ to earn tuition discount for next year! Don't forget that Valentine's Day is right around the corner. Use Scrip for a night out at the movies, a special dinner date, or for chocolates and flowers. If you're trying to figure out how to make SASBUCK\$ part of your regular routine, remember that there are three ways 1) Placing an order in the school office or after 10:00 AM Mass 20 Stopping by the school office and purchasing cards that are on hand, or 3) Setting up an account online (quickest method) at www.shopwithscrip.com. If you'd like, you can even arrange to send in and receive orders with your St. A student so that you don't have to make an extra trip during this cold, snowy weather. Call the school @ 866-5480 or contact Marie Oliver (219-964-8567) with questions.

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 avail-

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.

50/50

The next 50/50 drawing will be Friday, February 17. 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!!**

Popcorn Poppers

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

February 9- Heather Hensler

February 16- Donna Plecas

February 23- Heather Hensler

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

Spirit Wear

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

Basketball Update

Our 4th grade girls had a short season, but it was chock full of excitement! They lost once to St. Boniface, but ended up beating them 2 weeks later at home! They won on the road at Hebron & fell to a talented St. Lawrence team. The 5th grade girls ended up undefeated at home with wins against St. Mary's, Hebron & St. Boniface. They lost to St. Lawrence on the road and brought home wins from both Hebron & Otterbein Elementary. Our combined boys team showed massive improvement throughout the season. Although they fell to St. Mary's, St. Lawrence & St. Boniface, they finished with a win at home against St. Lawrence. Our cheerleaders gave us a nice home court advantage all season! A huge thank you to our volunteer coaches: Joceyln Ventrello & Kevin Benner, Ava Kosiba & Mike Drone, Kerry Mathew, and Marie Oliver!!

End of Season Basketball Party RSVP's were due today. Please turn in to school tomorrow! Hope to see all players, cheerleaders, coaches & their families at the Pizza Party on Tuesday 2/13 in the gym at 6:00.



VISION

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