



# St. Augustine School

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## Principal's Newsletter

January 2012

The "NY Saint for the month is Blessed Pope Innocent XI.  
The Value for the month is Flexibility.

*From the desk of the Principal ...*

*I hope all had a Blessed and Merry Christmas. I prayed that your vacation would be relaxing and enjoyable. May the Lord bless you and your families with peace, love, and joy in 2012. Let's work together towards a successful second half of the school year.*

*May St. Augustine and St. Monica, his mother, intercede for all in the St. Augustine School Family that we continue to meet the mission of our school, "to transmit Christian values, ethics, and beliefs within a nurturing atmosphere of academic excellence and to provide the climate necessary for our students to make their own personal commitment to Christ." We are a school of "Faith + Family + Future". I am honored to be your Principal. God bless you and Happy New Year.*

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank all our wonderful teachers and Mr. Azarow for all their hard work and effort in preparing for the Christmas Pageant. It was an amazing evening! All the children, who participated, are to be commended for their performance. The performance was an excellent way for our school family to prepare for the birth of Our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Thank you, Mrs. Tice for the superb Christmas Concert. Our Band members were great. It was a wonderful evening!

**Thank You** – to all the families who donated to our Advent Service projects, ***Toys for Tots and Birthright of Rockland County and Good Counsel Home.*** St. Augustine School families are always willing to assist those in need.

**Cold Weather** – We are in the winter months, please remember to have your child dress warmly. Hats and gloves are appropriate; the children will be go out for recess daily provided the temperature is above 32 degrees. Be sure to label all clothing. This includes: school sweater, gym sweatshirt, coat gloves, hat and lunchboxes. Thank you.

**Diabetes Awareness Month** – occurred in November. Mrs. Molloy, Amanda in grade 4 Mom, gave two presentations (one for the lower grades and one for the upper grades) on the topic of diabetes and how this illness is controlled. It was easy for the students to understand and extremely informative. Thank you, Mrs. Molloy.

**Catholic Schools Week** – This year's theme is ***Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service.*** We will begin our celebration of Catholic Schools Week at the 5:00 P.M. Mass on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, followed by Family Movie Night in the church basement. Come for pizza and a movie! Our Open House is Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M. and also in the evening from 7:00-8:00 P.M. Please pass this information on to prospective parents. Be on the lookout for the schedule of Catholic Schools Week events we have planned. It will be sent home shortly.

**Report Cards** – Grades K-8 will receive their Report Cards on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. They will be sent home with your child.

**Registration for the 2012-2013 School Year**, for Pre-K through grade 8 will be held on:

February 28<sup>th</sup> – 9:30-11:30 am & 1:15-2:15 pm.

February 29<sup>th</sup> – 9:30-11:30 am & 1:15-2:15 pm.

Children who reach 5 years old by December 1, 2012 are eligible for Kindergarten. Please call the school office to find out what certificates and records are needed to apply for registration.

If you are interested or have any questions, do not hesitate to call the school. Let your neighbors and friends know about our early childhood program!

#### **Class News:**

**Grade 4:** As a culminating activity for their Native American Unit, they participated in a program sponsored by the Historical Society of Rockland County titled, ***Growing Up Lenape*** in early December. This experience enabled the students to gain insight into the Lenni Lenape culture and to understand what was necessary to maintain their families. The students enjoyed learning about the original inhabitants of Rockland County.

Congratulations to our three SAS members of the St. Augustine's 4<sup>th</sup> grade CYO Basketball Team, Shane Condon, Adrian Duah, and Brendan Mykalcio. They won the St. Anthony's CYO Christmas Tournament!

**Grade 5:** Congratulations to Gabriella Sgroi and her North Rockland Pop Warner Cheerleading Squad! They won 1<sup>st</sup> Place for their division at the 2011 Pop Warner Super Bowl and national Cheer & Dance Championships at Disney World in early December!

**Grade 6:** in early December they decorated the windows of Starbucks on Main Street, New City for the Holidays. The windows looked great!

**Grade 7:** decorated the windows of Calabria's Restaurant on Main Street, New City. Terrific job!

**Girl Scouts:**

On Sunday, January 1, 2012, four of our SAS grade 4 Girl Scout Troop 40749 met with Governor Coumo at the Governor's Mansion in Albany. A photo of the girls appeared in the New York Times and New York Post. They girls who made that trip were: Angeline Jacob, Kristina Organista, Emily Rooney, and Skylar Small. Their leader Gina Crossetta and parent Beth Rooney were present. The group also met the Governor's daughter, Mariah and his friend, Sandra Lee.

**Student Council Activities:**

- The Council made 80 Thanksgiving cards and 139 Christmas cards for the residents of Sun Rise Assisted Living in New City.
- Our Student Council participated in the ***Adopt-A-Family Program*** by Catholic Community Services of Rockland. The students donated money to purchase winter coats for a family that included a mom and two children. Thank you Student Council for your generosity to make a family happy at Christmas!
- During the month of December the Student Council held a Christmas Raffle. The winners were Adrian Duah, grade 4 and Anjelika Catral grade 7. Congratulations to our winners! The Council raised \$252.00. Thank you for your support.
- There will be a Valentine's Day Raffle to support their adopted boy, Christian in Educador.

**Box Tops** - Our Student Council is collecting General Mills Box Tops. If you purchase and use General Mills products, please clip the Box Tops for Education and send them into school. The Student Council will receive 10 cents for each box top they redeem from General Mills. Thank you.

**Campbell Soup Labels for Education** - Save your Campbell soup labels and other Campbell product labels. Just look for the emblem that states Campbell Soup Labels for Education. Thank you for your support!

**Coupons** - Sister Diane would greatly appreciate receiving all the manufacturer's coupons that you do not use. It would be helpful if they were not cut out. Thank you.

**Shopping at DeCicco's Food Market?** For all your purchases made at DeCicco's, the DeCicco family will donate 1.5% total sales to St. Augustine School. At check out, simply tell the cashier that you want your rebate to go to St. Augustine School. It is that simple! Thank you for your support!

# *The Legend of the Snowflake*

*Long ago,  
A glittering star led the way  
to a Holy child  
and today it is said the Snowflakes  
are tiny pieces of that very star,  
sent to lead our hearts anew  
to Jesus  
The Light of the world.*