



# St. Augustine School

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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2011

The Saint for the month is St. Pope Pius X.  
The value for the month is Openness to Change.

**Halloween Carnival** – On Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, the HSA sponsored the Halloween Carnival. We raised \$1,500 for **Food for the Poor**. All the students enjoyed games, raffles, and refreshments. Hosted by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, it was truly a cooperative event. Many students and their families donated cash or prizes. A sincere thanks to Mrs. Janette Busetto, Mrs. Sonia Roldan and their outstanding team of parents. Thank you to all involved for an absolutely super, fantastic day!!!!

**Thanksgiving Service Project** – We are collecting food this month to help fill the shelves at the Rockland County Food Pantry to aid our fellow community members. Please check the school's website, flier that went home with your child, and SAS weekly memo to see what items are to be donated. I know our school family will be generous in aiding those less fortunate individuals.

**Uniforms** – Winter uniforms are to be worn beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. **All students are required to wear shoes with the winter uniform. Sneakers are not part of the winter uniform.** All students are required to wear their school sweater to school. All boys are required to wear a belt with their pants, excluding Kindergarten. Boys in Grades 5-8 are to wear the school tie with the Oxford shirt. **NO GOLF SHIRTS ARE TO BE WORN BY STUDENTS IN GRADES 5-8** (that shirt is part of the summer uniform). The skort is a summer uniform option and can no longer be worn. It can be worn again beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>. Girls in grades K-6 can wear either green knee socks or green/blue or black tights. Girls in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are to wear green/blue or black tights. Pantyhose **ARE NOT** part of the uniform and are **NOT** to be worn. **Sneakers are worn only on gym days.** The gym sweatshirt can only be worn on gym days, **NOT** in place of the school sweater. Jewelry is **NOT** to be worn on gym days. This is a safety issue. Please make sure that dangling earrings and hoop earrings are **NOT** worn to school; once again this is a safety issue. Makeup and nail polish are **NOT** to be worn to school. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook, which can be found on the website, about proper uniform policy.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences** – These conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Report Cards will be distributed at this time. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are to attend the conference with their parents. **Dismissal on this day will be at 11:00 A.M. There is no Aftercare on this day.**

**School Wide Thanksgiving Theme** – On Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the entire school, Pre-K through grade 8, will sit down together to give thanks as the Pilgrims and Native Americans did 390 years ago. It will be an exciting day!

**Thanksgiving Mass** – The school will be attending a special Thanksgiving School Mass on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 A.M. and the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will lead us in this celebration. All are welcome to attend. **Dismissal on this day before Thanksgiving will be at 11:00 AM. There is no Aftercare on this day.**

#### **Class Activities** –

**Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades** participated in a Fire Safety Program through the Rockland County Department of Health on Thursday, November 27, 2011. It was a fun and engaging program that taught the children about important fire safety lessons.

**Pre-K and Kindergarten** held their “Halloween Extravaganza” on Wednesday, November 9, 2011. The children had such fun with their parade and singing songs. (This was rescheduled due to our days off caused by the “snow storm” that rendered SAS with NO POWER for the week!)

**Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade** on Wednesday, October 26, 2011, went to the “SAS pumpkin patch”! They chose their pumpkin and decorated it any way they wanted. They had a special treat of donuts and apple cider.

**8<sup>th</sup> grade** – On October 20<sup>th</sup>, sixteen of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in 13<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Joseph’s Regional High School Scholastic Olympics. The students enjoyed the experience. I want to acknowledge the students who represented us at the competition: Preston Akalonu, Isabella Bono, Kyra Campos-Marquetti, Christopher Connors, Erich Christerer, Stefan DelaRiva, Nicholas Fiore, Lillian Haltner, Samantha Heavner, Matthew Hawker, Allison Hollandez, Ashley Lamisere, James Musngi, Aleksander Piatek, Janelle Pierce, and Cesar Regalado.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade is taking the COOP exam, the high school entrance exam, on Friday, November 11, 2011 at Albertus Magnus High School. We wish them all good luck.

**Cold Weather** – Please keep in mind as the weather gets colder, the children should dress appropriately (warm coats, gloves and hats). **ALL CLOTHING**, including the uniform, **MUST BE LABELED**. We will be going out at lunch daily, provided it is not raining or the temperature is not below freezing.

**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!

**Shopping at Stop & Shop?** Stop & Shop will donate a portion of your purchase back to SAS. Go online, register your Stop & Shop card, and assign it to SAS. Go to <http://www.stopandshop.com/> then CLICK on “Our Stores” then CLICK on A+ and the “JOIN THE PROGRAM” Thank you for your support!

**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 for your support.

**Campbell Soup Labels for Education** – Start saving your Campbell Soup Labels and other Campbell product labels. Just look for the emblem that states Campbell Soup Labels for Education. Remember to send them in!!!!

**Coupons** – Sister Diane would appreciate receiving all the manufacturer’s coupons that you do not use. It would be most helpful if they were not cut out. Thank you for your support.

*In Every Thing Give Thanks*

*Merciful God, every day brings countless gifts from you.*

*Open my eyes to see each of them.*

*Remind me to mark my journey through this life with memorials of  
Your love.*

*I already have the best memorial ~ the Cross of Christ.*

*Let it continually inspire me to lead a thankful life.*

*Amen*

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*In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:18*

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**