



St Augustine School

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St. Augustine School *alumni newsletter*



Save The Date!

50th Anniversary Gala

May 12, 2011

Pearl River Hilton

Facebook

Lost touch with classmates?

Join our Facebook Page!



Reunions

Planning a Reunion?

Let us know!

We'll post on the webpage and
in upcoming newsletters.

Alumni News

Graduate College?

Start a New Career?

Get Engaged? Married?

Have a Child?

Let us know and it will be
included in the next
Alumni Newsletter.

New in the Next Issue..

School Event News

Go Techno Campaign

Alumni News

50th Anniversary Events

Alumni Reunion News

... and much more!

What's New?

Inaugural Alumni Newsletter Marks 50th Anniversary



The 50th Anniversary of Saint Augustine School has arrived. This school year, we will celebrate 50 years of outstanding Catholic education at an Anniversary Gala that will be held on May 12th at the Pearl River Hilton.

Saint Augustine School parents, volunteers, parishioners, and alumni have been working with the Pastor and Principal for more than a year to prepare a Strategic Plan for Development (SPD) for the school. This plan has been completed and is in the implementation phase. With that, many changes and improvements have already come to an already very successful, Saint Augustine School. This Alumni Newsletter is one of the goals of the Strategic Plan.

Have you thought to yourself, "How did you find me?" Good question! Through an extensive research process, we have captured more than 90% of valid addresses and many email addresses for our Alumni. We look forward to capturing 100% of this information. If your contact information changes, please visit the school website to update your information. You can also email info@saintaugustineparishschool.com at any time.

Celebrating our History, Shaping our Future

On Sunday September 26, 2010, Saint Augustine School marked the beginning of a year of celebrations commemorating our 50th Anniversary – Celebrating Our History, Shaping our Future - with a special Mass and reception.

Founded in 1961 by the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, St. Augustine's continues to transmit Christian values, ethics and beliefs within a nurturing environment of academic excellence. As one of our approximately 1,700 alumni, you are the fabric of our history. We are excited to reconnect with you through our inaugural Alumni Newsletter and look forward to hearing about how your days at Saint Augustine School, whether it was 5 or 50 years ago, shaped your life. As we reflect on our past, we also delight in the future of our school.... and our future is bright.

Our current enrollment is 192 students in Pre-K through 8th grade. This represents nearly a 10% growth over the previous year. Thanks to a dedicated faculty and the support of our families, our students consistently outperform their public school counterparts in nearly all state and national assessments. In the past 5 years 98 percent of our graduates have gone on the area's prestigious Catholic High Schools. Our academic and extracurricular activities have been expanded each year with new programs including Spanish for grades K-8, piano and golf instruction and a Mad Science program. ...continued on next page

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Message from the Pastor

Dear Alumni,

In some ways a school is like the church, it's a living organism. It is born, it grows into maturity and even shows at times signs of aging. This year (2010-11) marks the golden anniversary of St. Augustine's Catholic School. It is fifty years "young."

For the past two years, I have been participating in and watching that process of maturation take place. Over the past year, parents, faculty, administration and parishioners engaged in a year long process to establish a long range strategic development plan for our parish school. This newsletter is just one of many suggestions made to foster better communication with the alumni of St. Augustine's School.

During this coming year you will be hearing from us on a regular basis regarding what has been happening at the school and what plans we have for our students and alumni in the coming months.

We believe that with the refurbishing of the school's infrastructure as well as the renewal of the student, faculty, parents and alum of the school, we will be observing in concrete ways the fruit of 50 years of excellent academic and spiritual formation.

Thank you for the interest and support we anticipate from many of our alumni in the coming year.

In Christ,
Fr. William Cosgrove

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We also have a plan to upgrade our Computer and Science Labs and provide SMART Boards for each classroom. Great things are happening at St. Augustine's. We invite each of you to come, visit, and even share your gifts and talents with our students. We hope to see many of you at our Gala event next May.

Proud to be in the top 10% of all schools in the Country!

In the Fall of 2009, Saint Augustine School was nominated for the US Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Schools Program.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program "honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools that are either academically superior or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement to high levels." Academic superiority is measured by scores in the top 10% on national assessments.

This nomination recognizes the hard work and achievement of our students and faculty which is not possible without the support of our families, parish and the surrounding community. Visit our website to view test results.

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If the Saint Augustine Alum that is addressed on this Newsletter is no longer living at this address, please pass it along to the new address and inform the school!

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