

St. Augustine School

Faith + Family + Future

Principal's Newsletter February 2010

The Saint for the month is Mother Mary Theodore William.
The Value for the month is Hearing God's Call.

In the Year of the Priest, this month, we honor St. Damien of Molokai.
The Value for the month is Unselfishness.

From the desk of the Principal...

Catholic Schools Week was a huge success at St. Augustine School!!!! WE DEFINITELY ROCK!!!! We are the BEST Catholic School in Rockland!!!!!!

Thank you to all – Father Bill, Father Michael, Deacon Michael McCabe, Deacon Larry O'Toole, Faculty, Staff, Parents, and Students. We are so lucky to be part of such a great school family. Let us continue to pray to St. Augustine and St. Monica that they shine their graces upon us to give us guidance, strength, and love as we continue our mission to spread the "Good News in Education". Our students shine brightly and light the way with FAITH + FAMILY + FUTURE.

I am grateful to be Principal of such a superb Catholic School. I am grateful to work alongside such devoted teachers and staff. I am grateful to have such wonderful parents that will sacrifice to assist in their child's education. I am grateful to Father Bill for giving me the opportunity to be your Principal and minister to the needs of St. Augustine School. St. Monica and St. Augustine guide us, protect us, and pray for us.

RE-REGISTRATION - Reminder... Children presently enrolled in Grades K through 7, who are returning for the 2010-2011 year, must return the completed reply form by February 22nd along with the re-registration fee. This form has already been sent home with your child. The Activity Fee is due March 12th. When you return your re-registration reply form, please be sure to return the PIP Contractual Agreement as well.

REGISTRATION FOR 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR - There is still time to register for the 2010-2011 school year. Registration for our Pre-K program was held on February 11th. We offer both half-day and full day Pre-K 3 and 4

year old programs. Registration was held for new students in grades K-8 on February 9th. Registration is ongoing. There are still openings. Please call the school office for further information. *Pass on the good news about our school to your neighbors and friends!*

Children who reach 5 years old by December 1, 2010 are eligible for Kindergarten. Please call the school office to find out what certificates and records are needed to apply for registration.

SPECIAL THANK YOU - Thank you to Mrs. Doris Christerer, Mrs. Cio DelaRiva, and the International Day Committee for their hard work, long hours, and great food! The Day was a HUGE SUCCESS! We all are looking forward to next year's celebration of diversity!

HELPING HAND FOR HAITI - Thank you so much for the generous donations we received on our dress down day. SAS raised \$1500.00 for Catholic Relief Services.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - Beginning February 1st until February 10th, we are collecting cans of soup. This is a great opportunity for SAS to reach out and help those here in the county that are less fortunate than us. On Wednesday, February 17th, we will have "Simply Souper Day". It is a special dress down day in the colors of your favorite sports' team. What does it cost? Just cans of soup. Get started and bring in those cans!!!! We extended the time due to the snow day and the 2 hour delay.

LENT - Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on February 17th. The Ash Wednesday Prayer Service will be at 2 P.M. All are welcome!

HONOR ROLL - Congratulations to the following 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade students who made the Honor Roll for the 2nd Quarter. The Honors Breakfast took place on Friday, February 12th. Thank you, Mrs. Mackle and Mrs. Pisano for setting up and serving.

5th Grade

Principal's List

Gabriella DePinho

First Honors

Gabrielle Favre
Christine Jacob

Second Honors

Kelsey Negron

6th Grade

Principal's List

First Honors

Zachary Miraz
Aleksander Piatek

Second Honors

Isabella Bono
Nicholas Fiore
Matthew Hawker

7th Grade

Principal's List

First Honors

Kushal Dave
Anthony DePinho

Second Honors

Meghan Dougherty
Griffin Favre
Daniel Mackle
Katherine Mahoney
Juliann Negron
Gianna Pisano
Sean TenEyck
Gabrielle Valdez

8th Grade

Principal's List

Danielle Pavon

First Honors

Second Honors

Victoria Forlini
Alessandra Garcia

CONGRATULATIONS - We wish to congratulate Alessandra Garcia who received a \$2,500.00 scholarship to Albertus Magnus High School. We are proud!

KINDERGARTEN, 1st GRADE and 2nd GRADE NEWS - On Monday, February 8th, Dr. Sobler, a dentist, came to visit the classes and talk about how to take care of their teeth, the importance of brushing daily and the good things to eat for their teeth. The children truly enjoyed the experience.

3rd GRADE NEWS - The class received dictionaries from Nanuet Elks Club through the Elks National Foundation. The students wrote wonderful thank yous to the Elks for the dictionaries. The class was very happy with the donation.

5th GRADE NEWS - Congratulations to our 5th Grade for successfully completing the DARE Program. They had a beautiful DARE Graduation Ceremony on Thursday, January 28th. We are so proud of you! Thank you Officer Shannon and Mrs. Guarino. A special thanks to Mrs. Icy Rowe and

other fifth grade parents for the wonderful reception that was planned after the ceremony. We could not have asked for a better morning.

8th GRADE NEWS - The class attended the Rose Mass on Friday, January 22nd, the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision of Roe vs. Wade at St. Gregory Barbarigo Church in Garnerville. The theme of the Mass was respect life and the value of life. All of the seven Catholic elementary schools in the county sent their 8th grade students.

ALUMNI NEWS - We would love to hear from our alumni and publish their accomplishments. Please pass the word on. We want to spread the "Good News" of our students both present and past!

6th ANNUAL WOMEN'S EXPO - Back by popular demand!!! Mark your calendar! The St. Augustine Home School Association is sponsoring our 6th Annual St. Augustine School Women's Expo. It will be held on Thursday, March 18th, at the Pearl River Hilton, Pearl River, NY from 6:30-10:30 PM. The proceeds will benefit the school. Please join us for an evening of festivities, including - fabulous gift basket raffles, 50/50, door prizes, and a sit down dinner, with dessert, coffee, and soda. A cash bar will be available. The cost is \$50.00 per person - **guaranteed seating tables of 10-12, with reservations**. The Expo Flyers will be sent home to all school families soon. If you have any questions please contact Anna DePinho (914-672-8627). Please find the time to support this HSA sponsored event. Remember this is being done for the school - YOUR CHILDREN WILL BENEFIT from this great night.

OUTDOOR RECESS - The decision to send the children out at Recess is based on the temperature, the wind chill, and the condition of the parking lot. If the temperature and the wind chill are above freezing (32 degrees), they will be going out. Please be sure that your child(ren) comes to school dressed in appropriate clothing. All clothing and accessories are to be labeled with your child's name.

SCHOOL NURSE PHONE NUMBER - If you are calling in to say that your child is sick, Mrs. O'Rourke's office number is (845) 634-7575.

BOX TOPS - Our Student Council is collecting General Mills Box Tops for Education. If you purchase and use General Mills Products, please clip them and send them into school. 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.

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and Sisters:

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoings but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; then I became an adult, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.