

St. Augustine School

Faith + Family + Future

Principal's Newsletter **June 2010**

The Saint for the month is the Venerated Catherine McAuley.
The Value for the month is Forgiveness.

In the Year of The Priest, this month, we honor Father Michael McGivney.
The Value for the month is Charity.

Happy Father's Day

Congratulations Class of 2010 - Congratulations to the Class of 2010. We wish you well on your journey in life knowing that you have been given a strong foundation in faith coupled with an incomparable academic and social program. Keep your life grounded in your faith. Use your talents wisely. Live the commandments.

Our twenty-two 8th Grade students will graduate on Saturday, June 19th at 11:00 AM. 96% of the class will attend Catholic High Schools - 3 to Academy of the Holy Angels, 4 to Albertus Magnus, 6 to Don Bosco Prep, 4 to Immaculate Heart Academy, and 4 to Paramus Catholic, and 1 to Clarkstown School District.

TODAY IS YOUR DAY.
YOU'RE OFF TO GREAT PLACES!
YOU'RE OFF AND AWAY!

YOU HAVE BRAINS IN YOUR HEAD.
YOU HAVE FEET IN YOUR SHOES.
YOU CAN STEER YOURSELF ANY DIRECTION YOU CHOOSE.
YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN AND YOU KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW.
AND YOU ARE THE GUY WHO'LL DECIDE WHERE TO GO.

YOU'LL LOOK UP AND DOWN STREETS.
LOOK 'EM OVER WITH CARE.
ABOUT SOME YOU WILL SAY,

"I DON'T CHOOSE TO GO THERE."
WITH YOUR HEAD FULL OF BRAINS AND YOUR SHOES FULL OF FEET,
YOU'RE TOO SMART TO GO DOWN ANY NOT-SO-GOOD STREET.

AND YOU MAY NOT FIND ANY YOU'LL WANT TO GO DOWN.
IN THAT CASE, OF COURSE, YOU'LL HEAD STRAIGHT OUT OF TOWN.

IT'S OPENER THERE IN THE WIDE OPEN AIR.
OUT THERE THINGS CAN HAPPEN AND FREQUENTLY DO
TO PEOPLE AS BRAINY AND FOOTSY AS YOU.

AND WHEN THINGS START TO HAPPEN
DON'T WORRY. DON'T STEW.
JUST GO RIGHT ALONG.
YOU'LL START HAPPENING TOO.

OH! THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!

Dr. Seuss

Congratulations Class of 2010!

The graduates are: Michael Aurellano, William Callahan, Cassandra Charles, Alexa Crudele, Hannah Dari, Nika DelBiondo, Jaime Dibble, Shannon Fegan, Victoria Forlini, Alessandra Garcia, Patrick Genzardi, Amanda Mahoney, Stephon Mehu, Danielle Pavon, Meghan Pierce, Lucie Riviere, Faith Rovegno, Christian Singleton, Christian Torres, Emily Walter, Carter Whitmore, and Wisdom Zhao.

SASAL - On Wednesday, May 27th, we had our first annual SASAL dress down and pizza lunch day! Thank you Mrs. Pat Pisano, Mrs. Sue Weber, and Mr. Patrick Solages for the great team effort in running a successful year! I know I can speak on behalf of the students, coaches, and parents, when I say - Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication during our SASAL season. The SASAL trophies will be presented on Friday, June 12th, during our Awards Ceremony.

Field Day - Field Day was held on Monday, May 24th at Champion Day Camp. We wish to thank the HSA and the parent volunteers for all their assistance. A "Special Thank you" to Mrs. Scrima for all you have done to prepare for the day, Mrs. Schmidhauser and Mr. Negrón for all your behind the scenes efforts, and to Mr. Wissner for all his assistance and support.

Mrs. Spinks and the 8th grade, thank you for supervising and scoring the many events of the day. The day was a BIG SUCCESS!!!! Even the rain couldn't keep us from having a super day.

Congratulations to Bianka Catral, grade 2 and Anthony DePinho, grade 7 for each being 2nd place winners in the New York Association Pupil Transportation Lower Hudson Chapter Poster Contest!

CYO Art Contest Winners - Congratulations to our winners!

Small Fry/ 1st & 2nd grade: 1st place: Kristina Organista; 2nd place: Yemie Woo; 3rd place: Jordyn Solages

Beginners/ 3rd & 4th grade: 1st place: Yena Woo; 2nd place: Jillian Busetto; 3rd place: Michaela Davidson

Learner/ 5th & 6th grade: 1st place: Aleksander Piatek; 2nd place: Gabriella DePinho; 3rd place: Nicholas Fiore

Masters/ 7th & 8th grade: 1st place: Victoria Forlini; 2nd place: Hannah Dari; 3rd place: Elena Alvarez.

Kristina Organista and Yena Woo were overall winners for Rockland County in their division!

After School Care Program - We want to remind you that St. Augustine School will once again be running our After School Care Program. St. Augustine School After School Care program will begin on the first full week of school, September 13th. All families will receive a letter about the program over the summer. If you have any questions, please call the school. Several of our teachers will be supervising the children on a rotating basis. Your child does not have to attend the program every day. We will work with you to provide you with the care schedule that fits your need.

School Uniform Reminders for 2010-2011 School Year -

******* All girls in Kindergarten through 8th grade are to wear brown, black, or navy blue rubber - soled shoes that tie.**

The following types of shoes will **NOT** be allowed:

- Tie shoes with high heels
- "skechers shoes" with elastic straps
- non-tie shoes with heels
- slip-on shoes AKA "ballet slippers"

It is **REQUIRED** that boys in grades Kindergarten - 8th grade are to wear a belt with the summer and winter uniform.

If any girl wears the shorts as the summer uniform, she must wear a belt as well.

By reminding you now, we feel you'll have the summer to shop and purchase these items. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Student Council - Our Student Council made 50 Mother's Day cards for Sunrise Assisted Living. They were happy when Mrs. Guarino delivered the cards on the Friday before Mother's Day. Student Council will not leave out fathers. They have already made 20 Father's Day cards that will be delivered right before Father's Day. Thank you, Student Council, for your thoughtfulness and kindness. Thank you, Mrs. Guarino, for your guidance and support of our Student Council. It is greatly appreciated!

Coupons - Sister Diane would greatly 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.

Box Tops for Education - Please remember to send in all your General Mills Box Tops. Our Student Council is collecting them.

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.

Important Dates -

Tuesday, June 1st - 8th Grade New York State Science Performance Test

Monday, June 7th - 4th and 8th New York State Science Written Test

Wednesday, June 9th - The Archdiocesan Religion Exam for grades 3-8

Friday, June 11th - 8th Grade Graduation Dinner Dance

Awards Ceremony at 9:15 A.M.

Monday, June 14th and Tuesday, June 15th - 8th Grade New York State

Social Studies Test

Wednesday, June 16th - 8th Grade Graduation Trip to New York City

Thursday, June 17th - Pre-K Graduation and moving Up Day at 9:45 AM.

Last day for Pre-K.

8th Grade Pin Day and Luncheon

Friday, June 18th - Kindergarten Celebration at 9:30 A.M.

Last day for Kindergarten

Last Day for 8th Grade

Saturday, June 19th - 8th Grade Graduation at 11 A.M.

Monday, June 21st - Wednesday, June 23rd - Dismissal is at 11:00 A.M.

Wednesday, June 23rd - Last Day of School

Wednesday, September 8th - The first day of school for Grades K-8 for the 2010-11 school year. Dismissal at Noon.

Thursday, September 9th and Friday, September 10th - First Full Days of School.

Monday, September 13th - The After School Care Program begins.

See you in September!

May the Lord bless and keep you.

May the summer grant you refreshment and many happy memories.

St. Monica pray for us. St. Augustine pray for us.