

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please note that our Donuts with Dads date has been changed to Friday, April 25.

### **Book Donations Requested**

Mrs. Natalie Frierott is coordinating a Buck-A-Book Fundraiser for our families during spring conferences! To kickstart, we are seeking donations of used children's books. All books will be resold for \$1, and the proceeds will support our school library. Start your spring cleaning and give your gently used children's books a loving, new home! Book donation bins are available in the school foyer.

### **STAR Royals**

Respectful, Responsible, Ready Set Safe; We Are The Royals Grounded In Faith!

The following students were recognized as our STAR Royals this week: Claire K. (PreK), Graham U. (K), Dexter O. (1st), Kehlani F. (1st), Julia E. (2nd), Grace D. (3rd), David T. (3rd), Ally D. (4th), Ami M. (4th), Arthur A. (4th), June N. (5th), Ross C. (6th), Roxy J. (6th), Eloise K. (7th), Quinn S. (8th), and Thomas C. (8th) this week.

Be sure to check out their photos on our front bulletin board!

### **Weekly Highlight: Mrs. Smith's PreK Update**

The PreK students continued their theme of construction this week with our focus being on exploring tools. We talked about the tools that builders and artists use. We discovered that tools make work easier.

Our centers this week allowed the students to explore and use simple machines. They built bridges and ramps trying to see what type of ramp would make the cars go faster. The students manipulated playdough using rollers, scissors, and wedges. With partners they created a building out of cardboard boxes. They were able to paint the boxes as well as cut out different shapes for doors and windows. The students built with tinkertoys, playsticks, legos, and cardboard bricks. They measured with unifix cubes and weighed different objects on a scale. The creativity will continue next week and I can't wait to see what they come up with!

### **Saturday, January 18: Knights of Columbus Chili Cook Off**

Join the Knights of Columbus for their Annual Chili Cook Off in the Parish Hall at 6:00pm on Saturday, January 18. For ages 12 and older, the cost to attend is \$5.00. All children under 12 will eat free.

There will be chili and all the fixings along with a chips and salsa bar and grilled cheese sandwiches. Plan to Vote for your favorite chili with additional donations. Proceeds will benefit DMARC Food Pantry. We encourage everyone to vote early and often!

If your chili has the goods to COMPETE, contact Kerry Bettis at (515) 988-2065 or [bettiskerry@gmail.com](mailto:bettiskerry@gmail.com) to join the competition. We will have 3 awards: Judge's Choice, People's Choice, and Best Themed/Table Display!

### **Monday, January 20: No School**

There will be no school on Monday, January 20. Our faculty will have a professional development day.

### **Tuesday, January 21: St. Augustin Little Learners**

Calling all future Royals! Join us for St. Augustin Little Learners on Tuesday, January 21 from 9am - 10:30. Please click [here](#) for a flyer (includes our future dates, as well).

Please RSVP to Mrs. Watters ([rwatters@staugustinschool.org](mailto:rwatters@staugustinschool.org)).

### **Thursday, January 23: Mass**

Please join us for Mass on Thursday, January 23 at the Church at 8:45am. Our second grade class will lead this week.

Please click [here](#) for the Mass schedule.

### **Saturday, January 25 - Friday, January 31: Catholic Schools Week Events**

All families are invited to attend Mass on Saturday, January 25 at 5pm with the St. Augustin faculty. It will be led by St. Augustin Catholic School students. :)

Please click [here](#) to view our events and dress up days for the week.

### **Friday, January 31: STEM Conference for Kids Volunteer and Presenter Sign Up Deadline**

If you are interested in joining us either as a presenter or volunteer, please complete [this form](#) by Friday, January 31.

### **Tuesday, February 4: DCHS Parochial School Basketball Night**

All PreK - 5th grade parochial students will receive free admission to the DCHS Boys and Girls Basketball night and a free popcorn on their designated grade level night.

Please click [here](#) for the flyer.

**Monday, February 17 - Friday, February 21: Girls on the Run Lottery Registration**

Girls on the Run is coming to St. Augustin for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade girls. Practices will be on Mondays and Wednesdays after school from 3:15pm - 4:45pm starting on Monday, March 24. The 5k celebration will be Sunday, May 18.

Please click [here](#) for more information.

Note that the registration process is a lottery - [here](#) is more information (dates are not reflective of the spring session).

The coaches, Jen Mickey, Angie Patti and Sarah Reichardt will share information as it becomes available!

**Thursday, May 1: Transportation Reimbursement Form Due**

Transportation Reimbursement deadline for the second semester is May 1, 2025. Please click here to go to the "School Forms" page of our website. Then, click "Transportation Reimbursement".

Families living in the districts listed below will no longer file a paper request for transportation reimbursement. You are now required to submit your reimbursement request online by going to the websites linked below.

Des Moines - [Click Here](#)

West Des Moines - [Click Here](#)

Ankeny - [Click Here](#)

SE Polk - [Click Here](#)

Important Information

**Monday, June 9 - Friday, June 13: Vacation Bible School**

Mark your calendars! St. Augustin Parish will be offering Vacation Bible School at the school from June 9th-13th.

Mrs. Sgroi is looking for a few adult leaders to run stations during the week. If you are interested in volunteering, please email her at [asgroi@staugustinschool.org](mailto:asgroi@staugustinschool.org).

More information on registration will be available starting in February.

### **Facility Request Form**

Please complete the form linked [here](#) to request our school facility use. This form helps us to determine what paperwork is necessary.

### **Yearbook Photo Submissions**

Submit your photos for the yearbook using this link: <https://photos.jostens.com/Q9EQVG>

### **DCHS Camp/Club Information**

DCHS Winter Weight Training (7th & 8th Grade): [Info Linked Here](#)

DCHS Cheer & Dance: [Flyer Linked Here](#)

DCHS Baseball: [DCHS Spring Baseball Clinic](#)

Thank you!

Mrs. Spike