

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to all of the families who donated to the third grade service project benefitting the Salvation Army. The third grade students collected \$504.87.

The lost and found is overflowing! Please stop by before Christmas break to find your child's lost items. :)

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: Arlen C. (PreK), Bode M. (TK), Louie M. (K), Will W. (K), Nolan R. (1st), Bella M. (1st), Brigid H. (2nd), Darby B. (3rd), William W. (3rd), Mabel P. (4th), Kur A. (4th), Harrison P. (5th), Norah K.(5th), and Margeaux R. (7th), this week.

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

Weekly Highlight: Mrs. Brown's 3rd Grade Update

It has been a busy week in third grade!

The children participated in their service project for the Salvation Army, practiced and prepared extensively for the music program, and kept up with their academic workload in the classroom as well.

Third graders are almost finished with learning all their cursive letters. They have been writing their spelling words in cursive for a few weeks. After Christmas they will be writing in cursive full time.

During language arts class the essential question we have been working on is "What do we know about Earth and its neighbors?" Our story was called "Earth" (expository text). The skills worked on this week were: academic vocabulary, suffixes -y and -ly, summarizing, using key words and charts, and identifying the central idea and relevant details for the story.

Each day during Advent we are using the Jesse Tree in our classroom. We listen to a passage from the Bible and identify the Jesse Tree symbol and how it connects to Jesus.

Could you build a real house out of candy? In science class we watched a video showing

ideas that scientists and engineers are trying to use to construct buildings. The children designed a candy creation of their own for a home. They are so creative!

Holidays around the world is our current theme for social studies. We are learning about Christmas in other countries.

Monday, December 16 - Friday, December 20: Countdown to Christmas

Beginning Monday, December 16, students may participate in Student Council's Countdown to Christmas.

Students who wish to participate should bring \$5 on Monday, December 16; this \$5 allows the students to Countdown to Christmas for the entire week!

All proceeds will be distributed to St. Augustin families in need of a holiday boost.

Monday, December 16: Hats Off to Christmas

Wear your favorite Christmas hat with your school uniform.

Tuesday, December 17: Red or Green; We are One Team

Wear red or green tops with uniform pants/bottoms.

Wednesday, December 18: Royals are Ready for Christmas

Wear your St. Augustin spirit wear with jeans.

Thursday, December 19: 'Tis the Season to be Freezin'

Wear your cozy Christmas socks with your school uniform.

Friday, December 20: We're Wide Awake and Ready for Christmas Break

Wear your Christmas pajamas.

Tuesday, December 17: St. Augustin Little Learners

Calling all future Royals! Join us for St. Augustin Little Learners on Tuesday, December 17 from 9am - 10:30. Please click [here](#) for a flyer (includes our future dates, as well).

Please RSVP to Mrs. Watters (rwatters@staugustinschool.org).

Tuesday, December 17: Christmas Program

Our fifth – eighth grade band will perform on Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30pm in the gymnasium.

Thursday, December 19: Mass

Please join us for Mass at the school at 8:45am. Our fifth grade class will lead this week.

Friday, December 20: Noon Dismissal

School will dismiss on Friday, December 20 at **12pm**. There will be no after school care offered on Friday, December 20. Classes will resume on Monday, January 6.

Thursday, January 9: Real Food 4 Kids Cooking Club - First Session

The eight-week session begins on Thursday, January 9th. The class will meet from 3:30 to 4:45 PM after school on Thursdays from 1/9 through 3/6 (there will be no class the week of 2/20 because of the break). Open to STA students in grades 1-5. Susan VandeVenter will be the instructor for this class.

We work as a group to make a couple of recipes and eat our creations at the end of class. Kids learn about different ingredients and new techniques, which helps them develop confidence in the kitchen!

- Students learn about the ingredients, where they come from, and why eating healthy is important.
- Students utilize techniques such as measuring, stirring, and chopping.
- Students learn to work with various appliances, such as a blender, food processor, mixer, hot plate, griddle, or oven.

We focus on cooking from scratch. Types of food we will make:

- Snacks, such as energy bites or smoothies
- Veggies & dips, we practice proper chopping techniques with kid-safe knives
- Simple meals such as pasta dishes, soups, ramen, or pancakes
- More advanced techniques, such as homemade wontons, spring rolls, or tortillas

[Registration Link](#)

Important Information

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/O9EQVG>

DCHS Camp/Club Information

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

DCHS Maroon Girls Soccer Academy: [Flyer Linked Here](#)

DCHS Cheer Clinic: [Flyer Linked Here](#)

DCHS Wrestling: [Flyer Linked Here](#)

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

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

Thank you!

Mrs. Spike