

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy St. Nicholas Day! 😊

### **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: Louie R. (PreK), Aubrey C. (TK), Henry B. (K), Elliana (K), Finley R. (1st), Fred A. (2nd), Cooper G. (2nd), Will P. (3rd), Whitney T. (4th), Mattson S. (5th), James P. (5th), Isabella M. (6th), Audrey S. (6th), Margaux E. (7th), and Vinny M. (7th) this week.

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

### **Weekly Highlight: Mrs. Espinosa's 2nd Grade Update**

This week 2nd grade students compared multiple solutions for preventing erosion. In the activity, Erosion Engineering, the students designed and tested ways to keep water from washing away a hill modeled out of cornmeal. The students used various materials to build a model to test their theory.

In the end, we found that it is very challenging to stop erosion but it is possible!

### **Bonus Weekly Highlight: Ms. Caligiuri's 6th Grade Update**

This week, 6th grade finished reading *The Giver* and continued working on our dystopian novel unit. We focused on character development and making connections between different symbols in the text. Students also continued to work on their individual novel study, where they are reading a dystopian novel of their choice and comparing it to *The Giver*.

### **Sunday, December 8: Fr. Pisut's Annual Christmas Open House**

Please plan to stop by Fr. Pisut's Christmas Open House from 4:30pm - 7:30pm in the rectory. Enjoy the decorations, listen to live Christmas music, eat good food and holiday cheer and, most importantly, visit with fellow St. Augustin parishioners and community members. There will be activities for kids in the parish hall, as well.

### **Monday, December 9 - Friday, December 13: 3rd Grade Service Project**

Each morning during drop off the third graders will be ringing the bells for the Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Christmas Campaign.

The third graders will be seeking donations to help the Salvation Army provide housing, food, financial and other assistance to those who are homeless or living in poverty in our community.

### **Monday, December 9: Immaculate Conception**

Please join us for Mass at 9am at the Church to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Our sixth grade class will lead.

### **Thursday, December 12: Christmas Program & MS Choir Concert**

Our annual Christmas Program is on Thursday, December 12. The middle school choir will perform first at 6:30pm in the gymnasium. Our third, fourth, and fifth grade students will perform afterward (around 6:45pm).

### **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](mailto: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. 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/Q9EQVG>

### **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](#)

Thank you!

Mrs. Spike