

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Be a part of our STEM Conference for Kids on Monday, April 7! If you are interested in joining us either as a presenter or volunteer, please complete [this form](#). :)

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: Joy V. (PreK), Will W. (PreK), Ben R. (K), Oliver K. (1st), Renze S. (2nd), Henry E. (3rd), Avery S. (4th), Evelyn W. (5th), Lennon S. (6th), Ajith A. (7th), and Alec L. (8th) this week.

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

Weekly Highlight: Mrs. Spike's CSW Summary of Events

What a fun week we had! We kicked off Catholic Schools Week with all of our faculty and staff attending Mass on Saturday, January 25. A special thank you to all of our students who volunteered to assist with Mass - lectors, cantors, bringing up the gifts, and servers.

On Monday morning, we prayed a Living Rosary in the gym. It is a lovely tradition that allows even our youngest of students to lead our school community in prayer.

On Tuesday morning, we welcomed a record number of little learners to our bunch. We read a fun story about what snowmen do at night, made snowmen crafts out of paper plates, played in sensory bins, drove tractors through the snow (sand), and played in the gym. Throughout the day, classes made cards for members of our community. We will mail these out next week and hopefully brighten some people's days!

On Wednesday, we played Bingo in the gym before dismissal. As always, the room erupted when I would say, "Do not clear your cards." :) There seemed to be a record number of students who had incredibly lucky cards and got TWO Bingos.

In the afternoon, all of the local Catholic schools celebrated Mass with Bishop Joensen at St. Theresa. The following faculty and staff members were recognized for their years of service to Catholic education:

5 years: Mrs. Engel and Mr. Samuelson

15 years: Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Watters

40 years: Mrs. Brown

On Thursday, our kindergarten - eighth grade students went to Skateland. We seem to love the concession stand just as much as the skating! Our pre-kindergarten and transitional kindergarten students watched a movie in the library. Mr. Sherman made them popcorn from our popcorn machine!

On Friday, the faculty and staff competed in the first (and last) dodgeball game versus our eighth grade students. The eighth grade students were victorious.

We are so grateful for your partnership and that your family chose St. Augustin Catholic School. Your children brighten our days (I laugh as I type that because some of your children will be in my nightmares throwing dodgeballs at me). Phew!

Saturday, February 1: CTO/DTA Application Opens

Families will be able to apply for tuition assistance from CTO and from the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Fund (DTA) established with the Ignite Capital Campaign on the same application.

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

Online applications will open at www.fairapp.com beginning on February 1 and the deadline for submissions is April 15. When applying, enter the *school code* 450 and the *password* 450ddm.

There is more than \$2 million to award for the coming school year, yet we highly recommend that you encourage families to apply early and submit all their required documents (federal tax returns and other documents) as soon as possible, but for sure before the April 15 deadline.

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.

Wednesday, February 5: Winter Conference Sign Up Link Opens

We will be hosting winter conferences on Monday, February 17 from 3pm - 6:30pm, Tuesday, February 18 from 3pm - 6:30pm, and Thursday, February 20 from 9am - 12pm.

School will dismiss at 2:30pm on Monday, February 17 and Tuesday, February 18. Extended care will run normal hours. There is no school on Thursday, February 20, Friday, February 21, and Monday, February 24.

Conference bookings will open on Wednesday, February 5 at 6:00pm and close on Wednesday, February 12 at 12pm.

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

To schedule, please click [here](#) and use the event code **dpzwb** to schedule your conferences.

St. Augustin sets aside three days twice per year for parent-teacher conferences. There is ample opportunity within that structured time to meet with the teachers. If you choose not to attend conferences on the pre-scheduled dates, the teacher will send home your child's grade and work portfolio. Individual make-up conferences will not be rescheduled.

Thursday, February 6: Mass

Please join us for Mass on Thursday, January 30 at the Church at 8:45am. Our seventh grade class will lead this week.

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

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.

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