

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to the families who sent some boxes of tissues to the office. We appreciate it and will always accept more, as we will likely have to do an all call again before the end of the year!

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: Effie R. (PreK), Ben M. (K), Payton N. (1st), Stella F. (2nd), Teddy H. (3rd), Mickey L. (4th), Vaughn H. (5th), Grace T. (6th), and Theo W. (7th) this week.

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

Weekly Highlight: Ms. Carver's First Grade Update

Facts- We continue to work on fact fluency to 20.

Inside recess- We are so happy to be outside this week!

Rosary- We are saying the entire Rosary in the Chapel on Tuesday mornings!

Solar System- We love studying and learning about the planets.

Time- We are learning time to the hour and half-hour.

Grammar- We have been studying the parts of speech.

Reading- We have been reading some great animal and insect stories.

Ash Wednesday- We will be having Mass at St. Augustin on Wednesday, March 3rd! We will discuss what our class will do for Lent this year.

Determined- We are trying our best to be kind to others and make good choices.

Eager- We are always eager to learn more and to share what we already know!

Tuesday, March 4: Mardi Gras Celebration at St. Augustin Catholic Church

On Tuesday, March 4, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm, please plan to bring your family to celebrate the start of the Lenten Season for dinner and live music. The menu will be a variety of Southern delicacies and desserts. Free will offering (\$10/person suggested).

Wednesday, March 5: Ash Wednesday Mass

Please join us for Mass at the school on Wednesday, March 5 at 9am at the Church.

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

Thursday, March 6: St. Augustin/Bergman Academy Track Sign-Up Deadline

Click [here](#) for more information on the St. Augustin upcoming track season. Please turn your registration form and fee into the school office no later than Thursday, March 6.

Friday, March 7: Second Grade Service Project Deadline

The second grade students will be collecting personal care items to donate to Des Moines Catholic Charities. With the cold winter weather, we want to make sure everyone has the essentials they need to stay warm and take care of themselves. The second graders will use these items to create essential care kits to support the people served by Des Moines Catholic Charities. By coming together and donating items such as blankets, diapers, and toiletries, we can make a positive impact on those in need in our community.

Below is a list of the items being collected from each grade:

PreK - K: travel-size shampoo bottles

1st grade: travel-size conditioner bottles

2nd grade: baby diapers

3rd grade: wet wipes

4th grade: travel size toothpaste / toothbrush

5th grade: travel-size body wash containers

Middle school: blankets

There will be a box outside of each classroom for students to place their donations in. We greatly appreciate your support in helping our community!

Saturday, March 8: St. Michael's Lenten Retreat

All Catholic boys in grades 3rd - 8th are invited to the St. Michael's Lenten Retreat from 8am - 6pm on Saturday, March 8. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Wednesday, March 12 - Thursday, March 13: Musical Performances

Please join us for the middle school musical, Finding Nemo. There will be shows at 9:30am and 7pm on Wednesday, March 12 and Thursday, March 13. Doors to the morning performances will open at 9am; doors to the evening performances will open at 6:15pm.

Pre-purchase your tickets in the main office from Mrs. Watters or Mrs. Engel before the show. Admission will be \$3 for PreK - 8th grade students and \$5 for high school students and adults.

All of our PreK - 5th grade classes will attend the 9:30am shows with their classes (no admission fee will be collected).

Thursday, March 13: Vacation Bible School Sign-Up Deadline

☀️ Join Us for Vacation Bible School! ☀️

📅 Dates: June 9th-13th

🕒 Time: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

🏠 Location: St. Augustin School

Give your child a fun, faith-filled week at our Vacation Bible School (VBS)! Kids will enjoy exciting activities, games, music, Bible stories, and so much more.

💰 Registration:

- \$25 for the first child
- \$15 for each additional child

To register, complete the form linked [here](#) and turn it into either the Church or School office by March 13th. Slots are limited and it is first come, first serve. Please contact Mrs. Sgroi (asgroi@staugustinschool.org) with any questions you may have.

Mrs. Sgroi is also looking for a few adults to run stations during VBS. Please contact her if you are interested. Those adults who sign up to help- their children will be admitted into VBS free of charge.

Friday, March 28: 8th Grade Yearbook Photo Shoot

The 8th grade students may dress up and out of uniform on Friday, March 28 for yearbook photos. Please refer to the handbook for guidance on what attire is allowed.

Monday, April 7: Yearbook Order Deadline

To purchase a 2024/25 yearbook, please use the link below. Parents will need to login or register for an account to purchase a yearbook. Our school code is 233911M. Please order your yearbook by Monday, April 7th 2025. Please reach out to Mrs. Jensen if you have any questions.

[Yearbook Order Form](#)

Tuesday, April 15: CTO/DTA Application Deadline

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.

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](#)

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](#)

DCHS Maroon Softball Club: [Flyer Linked Here](#)

IGHSAU Basketball Clinic: [Flyer Linked Here](#)

DCHS Summer Camps: [Flyer Linked Here](#)

DCHS Riptide Swim Lessons: [Flyer Linked Here](#) (registration open March 3)

DCHS New Swimmer Evaluations: [Flyer Linked Here](#) (March 8)

Thank you!

Mrs. Spike