

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a fun first week we had!!!

At our back to school night, we discussed three prompts you can ask your child/children to answer when you pick them up from school: tell me something that was fun, tell me something that you are proud of, and tell me something that you struggled with.

If you are opting to attend our final AM sessions it is Tuesday, September 3 at 8:30am in the library.

### **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: Harrison (1st), Sadie (2nd), Rowan (3rd), Anna (4th), John (6th), Brooklyn (6th), Logan (8th) this week.

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

### **Class Highlight**

Each week, we will be highlighting one class/grade in the weekly email.

This week, fifth grade students participated in activities that focused on group work strategies. They were challenged to find a fact that everyone in the group shared.

Next, students wrote these facts on note cards that were to be stacked into towers. After measuring the towers and declaring the winning group, we discussed the difficult aspects of working in groups and how to overcome challenges.



## **Student Attendance**

If your child is going to be absent from school, late arriving to school, or needs to leave early for an appointment, please send an email to Mrs. Karen Engel ([kengel@staugustinschool.org](mailto:kengel@staugustinschool.org)) and your child's classroom teacher (house teacher for middle school).

Gabriel: Mr. Grimm ([jgrimm@staugustinschool.org](mailto:jgrimm@staugustinschool.org))

Jude: Ms. Caligiuri ([kcaligiuri@staugustinschool.org](mailto:kcaligiuri@staugustinschool.org))

Marcellus: Ms. Olson ([holson@staugustinschool.org](mailto:holson@staugustinschool.org))

Norbert: Mr. Simpson ([ksimpson@staugustinschool.org](mailto:ksimpson@staugustinschool.org))

Sebastian: Ms. White ([ewhite@staugustinschool.org](mailto:ewhite@staugustinschool.org))

If needed, you may call the tardy or absence into the main office; however, email is preferred.

## **Tuesday, September 3 - Friday, September 6: School Divided Service Project**

The faculty and staff at St. Augustin Catholic School is completing the first school sponsored service project of the year.

Three buckets (Cyclones, Hawkeyes, and Other) will be in the main office on Tuesday, September 3. Students (and teachers) are trying to fill their favorite team's bucket. All money donated will go to Mary's Helping Hands. Mary's Helping Hands provides hope, love and support for expecting mothers who may need a helping hand with basic needs for their child's first year of life.

The bucket with the most money at 3:00pm on Thursday, September 5 determines which team ALL of our faculty and staff will dress for on Friday, September 6.

Will Mrs. Brown and I have to support the Hawkeyes or will Mr. Grimm and Mrs. Patti have to sport cardinal and gold, again? We will have to wait and see!

Students may wear their favorite Cyclone, Hawkeye, or other team shirt with jeans (jean shorts or jean skirts) or uniform bottoms on Friday, September 6 for a minimum \$1 donation to support our cause.

(Go Cyclones!)

## **Friday, September 20: Picture Day**

Students may dress up (no jeans, please) on Friday, September 20 for school picture day.

Please review the dress code in the handbook to ensure that your child/children are wearing appropriate attire.

### **Saturday, September 21: St. Joan of Arc Retreat**

Fifth - eighth grade girls are welcome to attend a retreat on Saturday, September 21 from 9am - 6pm. Please click [here](#) for additional details.

### **Saturday, October 26: Wine Party**

Save the Date for the Wine Party! This party helps stock the most popular wine cellar as a part of the auction prizes.

The party will be on Saturday, October 26 from 7-9pm at the home of Meg and Patrick Whitty. Co-hosted by Claire and Steve Ridenour, Laura Martino and John Tiffany, Lindsey and Tim Rypma, Sarah and Randy Reichardt.

Sign up and more details to come!

### **Important Information**

**Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 9 for our school auction. It will be located at Wakonda this year! :)**

### **DCHS Parent Email Regarding Football Games**

Please click [here](#) to read a note from Mr. Miklo at Dowling Catholic High School regarding football games.

### **St. Augustin Children's Choir**

Please click [here](#) for more information on the St. Augustin Children's Choir.

### **Middle School Mock Trial Information**

Coaches of this year's Mock Trial team include St. Augustin Alums and Dowling Mock Trial Team members, Toby Nielsen, '27, Campbell Jensen, '28, Quinn Syverson, '28, and Tiernan Topf '28.

In a mock trial, students play the roles of attorneys and witnesses as they prepare and present both sides of a hypothetical legal problem. Participants are given a hands-on opportunity to examine the legal process and current legal issues. The participation fee is \$40. The Des Moines Regional Competition will be Tuesday, November 12th at the Iowa Events Center. More information to follow regarding practice schedules, parent

volunteers, and support needed.

[St. Augustin Middle School Mock Trial Sign-up](#)

### **Dowling Club**

Does your family plan on attending Dowling Catholic sporting events this year? Joining the Dowling Club will get you admission into ALL home DCHS athletic events for 2024-25. Dowling Club is the booster organization that has been supporting Dowling Catholic student-athletes since 1941. You can be a part of this tradition that has been raising awareness, enthusiasm and funding for our beloved Maroons for over 80 years. To view the future Maroon and family packages click [here](#).

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

DCHS Riptide Tryouts: [Flyer Linked Here](#)

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

DCHS Mini Maroons Soccer: [Flyer Linked Here](#)

DCHS Volleyball Club: [Flyer Linked Here](#)

### **Engler Embroidery Order Information**

We have partnered with Engler Embroidery as a local supplier for our basic school polos, fleeces and spirit wear options. Note that spirit wear just needs to support our school - it does not need to be royal or yellow/gold. :) You'll notice there are some other fun colored shirt options available.

### **School Mass Crossing Guard Volunteers and Police Officer Sponsor**

If you are interested and available to assist as a crossing guard for Mass at the church, please click [here](#).

Also, we will continue to have a police officer escort to the church. In the above sign-up, there is also an opportunity to sponsor the police officer for a week.

Thank you!

Mrs. Spike