

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please keep the Barnes family in your prayers this weekend.

### **Truman Barnes Service Information**

The funeral is at St. Augustin Catholic Church at 11am on Saturday, October 26. Please plan to wear church attire with pops of Truman's favorite colors - hot pink and light blue. The St. Augustin Student Council is sponsoring cookies and refreshments in the Parish Hall immediately following the service.

The celebration of life is at The Barnes' Place (20932 350th Street - Adel, IA) from 1pm - 5pm on Sunday, October 27. Be there at 1pm to participate in the balloon release in memory of Truman. Please plan to wear your Truman Tough gear or sport his favorite colors - hot pink and light blue. Food and drinks will be provided. If your child would like to bring a ball or fishing pole, feel free to do so. Other yard and sports games will be set up, as well.

### **Auction Grandparent Underwriting Opportunities**

Click [here](#) for more information on how grandparents can support their students with an auction sponsorship.

### **Nothing Bundt Cake Fundraiser is Live!**

Individual Bundtlets are available for purchase on the [Auction Website](#) for \$6/each.

Cakes will be available for pick up November 22, 2024.

Fundraiser Bundtlet Flavors Available: Chocolate Chocolate Chip | Confetti | Lemon | Red Velvet | Pumpkin Spice | Gluten Free – Chocolate Chip Cookie

### **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: Norah (TK), Frankie (K), Frankie (2nd), Esme (2nd), Howie (3rd), Eloise (3rd), Alexis (4th), Abby (5th), Gwyn (5th), Eden (6th), Dutch (6th), Brennan (8th), Abby (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, Mrs. Lovern provided an update!

Spanish is off to a great start this year! We recently explored Hispanic Heritage Month, focusing on four influential Hispanic Americans: Cesar Chavez, Celia Cruz, Luis Von Ahn, and Sonia Sotomayor. We discussed their contributions to our country's history, culture, and achievements. I would encourage you to ask your student which one made the biggest impression on them.

Middle School students are using their notebooks to capture vocabulary like greetings and adjectives, grammar lessons such as article and noun agreement, and verbs like *estar*—learning how to conjugate it and when to use it. Elementary students have learned their colors and how to describe an object's color in a sentence.

In the coming week, we will discuss *El Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead), a celebration in many Spanish-speaking countries and parts of the U.S., where loved ones who have passed are remembered and celebrated. All students will contribute to our school's Day of the Dead bulletin board near the 3rd-grade classroom. ***If your student would like to add a photo of a loved one who has passed and have it on display on our bulletin board, please send it in with their name on the back.***

Students will also learn and review numbers in Spanish, and middle school students will focus on telling time.

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

Reminder to save the date for the Wine Party! This is a great chance to get to know your St. Augustin community. Plan to attend on Saturday, October 26 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm at the home of Meg and Patrick Whitty (4995 Country Club Boulevard). Co-hosted by Claire and Steve Ridenour, Laura Martino and John Tiffany, Lindsey and Tim Rypma, Sarah and Randy Reichardt.

This year we are moving to an online bottle donation system to eliminate the need to sort and store the large quantity of donated bottles. Please purchase an electronic bottle on GiveSmart: <https://e.givesmart.com/events/Dak/?isOrderFormActive=true>.

Funds will be used to purchase wine at a discount from Gateway Market to create the Instant Wine Cellar for the auction.

[Please click here to RSVP.](#)

### **Sunday, October 27: Dowling Catholic's 63rd Annual Pancake Breakfast**

Please join us between 7:30am - 12:00pm at the Varied Industries Building (Iowa State Fairgrounds). Enjoy family activities and fun for all ages!

Purchase tickets online at [www.dowlingcatholic.org/pancake-breakfast](http://www.dowlingcatholic.org/pancake-breakfast). Proceeds support the new DCHS student activities endowment.

### **Wednesday, October 30: Picture Retake Day**

Students having their pictures taken or retaken may dress up out of uniform (please, no jeans). If this is a retake, please bring your original order to exchange with the photographer.

### **Thursday, October 31: DONATE YOUR BOTTLES OF LIQUOR: No, not for the children, for the SCHOOL AUCTION COMING UP!**

Do you have any mid to top shelf liquors you've acquired you would be willing to donate to the school auction? Perhaps you received a nice bottle of bourbon from your father in law for your birthday but you secretly can't stand bourbon and you just can't find it in yourself to get rid of it!? Let us help take that off your hands, in a diplomatic and charitable way. We accept any and all mid to top shelf donations of liquor to be bid upon by folks who will indulge and enjoy! Commit to donating a bottle or two so we have plenty of options for bidders...and let's face it, winter is long. So is Christmas break. It will definitely come in handy. We are looking for at least 15 to 20 bottles total.

Please email Rachel ([rachelmscheib@gmail.com](mailto:rachelmscheib@gmail.com)) or Annie ([anniekellykuhle@gmail.com](mailto:anniekellykuhle@gmail.com)) to submit your bottles for the auction.

### **Friday, November 1: All Saints' Day Mass**

Please join us at St. Augustin Church for All Saints' Day Mass at 9am on Friday, November 1.

### **Sunday, November 3: Golden Ticket Raffle Deadline**

Purchase a golden ticket for \$50 per ticket or three for \$100. If your raffle ticket is drawn, you will get a chance to choose ONE of the three following auction items before the live auction begins. The items are a "Lake Trip Vacation to Lake Panorama", "Stocked Bar" with at least 15 top shelf bottles, or "Principal for a Day".

*If you are not present at the auction but your name is drawn, you will be awarded*

*"Principal for a Day" and notified after the auction.*

Please make payment on the school [auction website](#). You may also make your payment in either cash or check made out to St. Augustin Home and School in a marked envelope "Golden Ticket Raffle" to the school office or Venmo @Peter-Boyd-11 by November 3.

Thank you for your consideration and supporting our school!

### **Sunday, November 3: Dowling Catholic Open House**

Parents & students of all ages are invited to attend Dowling Catholic's Annual Open House on Sunday, November 3 from 11 am to 2 pm. The day includes student-led tours, interactive activities, the opportunity to meet faculty, coaches, staff and much more! Our tuition assistance representatives will also be available to answer your questions.

Please visit our website to learn more: [Dowling Catholic Website](#).

### **Saturday, November 9: Denim and Diamonds Auction at Wakonda Club**

Tickets are now available through the auction website: [sas2024auction.givesmart.com](#). Sales will conclude on Friday, November 4. We hope to see you there!

Business and personal auction sponsorships are now live on the website. Please also consider your personal network of friends, family and business relationships. Would someone you know be willing to purchase a sponsorship? It wouldn't take many people in our school community making asks to create a big impact in the amount we collectively raise for our beloved school!

#### Platinum Paddle Sponsor: \$2,500 | Many available

- Logo or family name on the back side of the live auction paddles the night of the event
- Logo or family name in event program
- Sponsorship of one Mrs. Spike weekly email before or after the auction
- Two social media posts (Facebook and Instagram) before or after the auction
- Clickable link from our auction website homepage to your business's website in a premier spot on our auction homepage

#### Gold Sponsor: \$1,500 | Many available

- Logo or family name in event program
- Sponsorship of one Mrs. Spike weekly email before or after the auction

- Two social media posts (Facebook and Instagram) before or after the auction
- Clickable link from our auction website homepage to your business's website in a premier spot on our auction homepage

Champagne Toast Sponsor: \$1,000 | One available

- Verbal recognition at the auction before and after the champagne toast
- Logo or family name in event program
- Sponsorship of one Mrs. Spike weekly email before or after the auction
- Two social media posts (Facebook and Instagram) before or after the auction
- Clickable link from our auction website homepage to your business's website in a premier spot on our auction homepage

Selfie Station Sponsor: \$1,000 | One available

- Signage on or near the auction selfie station
- Logo or family name in event program
- Sponsorship of one Mrs. Spike weekly email before or after the auction
- Two social media posts (Facebook and Instagram) before or after the auction
- Clickable link from our auction website homepage to your business's website in a premier spot on our auction homepage

First Dance Sponsor: \$1,000 | One available

- Verbal recognition at the auction before and after the first dance
- Logo or family name in event program
- Sponsorship of one Mrs. Spike weekly email before or after the auction
- Two social media posts (Facebook and Instagram) before or after the auction
- Clickable link from our auction website homepage to your business's website in a premier spot on our auction homepage

Silver Sponsor: \$500 | Many available

- Logo or family name in event program
- One social media post (Facebook and Instagram) before or after the auction
- Business logo or family name on auction website

Bronze Sponsor: \$250 | Many available

- Logo or family name in event program
- Business logo or family name on auction website

Grandparent donations are also welcome. A special link has been created on the website

especially for this purpose. Visit our website to purchase:

<http://sas2024auction.givesmart.com/>

Questions? Email Genevieve Hays at [genevievejoanne@gmail.com](mailto:genevievejoanne@gmail.com).

Thank you for making a difference through your donation to our school community.

### **Friday, November 15: Current Family Enrollment Application Deadline (25 - 26)**

Please click [here](#) to complete the enrollment application for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

### **Sunday, December 1: Transportation Reimbursement Form Due**

Transportation Reimbursement deadline for the first semester is December 1, 2024. 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**

#### **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>

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

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

#### **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](#)

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

DCHS Wrestling: [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. Please click [here](#) for the link.

Thank you!

Mrs. Spike