

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Advent calendars were sent home today in preparation of the upcoming Advent season beginning December 1.

### **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: Lily B. (PreK), Cavan G. (TK), Charlie D. (K), Charli M. (1st), Beau F. (1st), Francis E. (2nd), Luca P. (3rd), Ben W. (3rd), Ava P. (4th), Kade S. (5th), Lizzie G. (6th), Declan H. (6th), Jackson B. (7th), Reagan B. (7th), and Tripp R. (8th) this week.

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

### **November Service Project Information**

For our November Service Project, the 6th grade class is participating in a project called "Adopt a Native Elder." The mission is to provide assistance to impoverished, struggling members of the Navajo Nation. We are encouraging financial donations from each class throughout the month of November. Our goal is to raise \$300 per grade, which will be enough for each grade to sponsor one Native Elder for a year.

Each day, 6th grade students will collect the donations received by each classroom teacher and read some important details on the intercom that relate to our service project's theme and goals. The 6th grade students will keep a record of each class's total donation amount, and the grade with the highest dollar amount of donations will receive a donut party at school! The service project will run through December 1.

If you would like to donate with a check, please make it out to "Adopt a Native Elder." We hope that everyone contributes to this incredibly worthy cause!

### **Tuesday, November 26: Biztown**

Our fifth grade class will go to Biztown on Tuesday, November 26.

### **Tuesday, November 26: St. Augustin Little Learners**

Calling all future Royals! Join us for St. Augustin Little Learners on Tuesday, November 26 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)).

### **Wednesday, November 27 - Friday, November 29: Thanksgiving Break**

There will be no school on Wednesday, November 27 - Friday, November 29.

### **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](#)

### **Monday, December 2, 2024 and Tuesday, December 3, 2024: Santa's Closet**

Santa's Closet is a yearly St. Augustin School tradition where the school library is transformed into a Christmas Gift Store where your children can learn the gift of giving and shop for their parents, friends, grandparents, siblings and even pets! Items will range from \$1 - \$12 and will be carefully gift-wrapped and sent home with your child to put under the family tree. The goal is to simply cover the cost of these gifts and the supplies needed to make Santa's Closet possible. Any incremental funds raised will directly benefit SAS Home & School Programs.

What we need from YOU:

On December 2, 2024, please send your child to school with the following:

- 1) An envelope with your child's full name and grade with cash or a check made out to St. Augustin Home & School.
- 2) We'll encourage your child to choose gifts generously. The money you send will allow them to select meaningful presents, and we'll make sure they have fun doing it! If you'd like any remaining change to go back to you, please note that clearly on the envelope. Otherwise, any leftover money will first help ensure all students are able to shop and then be donated to SAS Home & School.
- 3) A large paper bag with handle or reusable shopping bag for your child to carry their gifts home safely.

Happy Shopping to all of the Students from Santa's Head Elves Beth Pudenz and Katie Massop!

### **Tuesday, December 3: Christmas Contribution Deadline**

As many of you know, we have collected cash contributions for the past four years for teacher and staff Christmas gifts. Thanks to your very generous donations, we collected over \$12,000 last year! We divided the total amount equally, and each St. Augustin employee received over \$300!

As always, this is totally optional, and no contribution is too big or too small. We are always asked what is a good amount to give, and our answer is that there is no right or wrong amount. If you decide to contribute, we will put your name on the Christmas note that goes to each employee with their Christmas gift.

If you would like to contribute to the Christmas gift fund, you may:

1. Venmo Becky at @Becky\_Eaton and if it asks, the last four digits of her phone number are 3784. IMPORTANT NOTE: Please make sure that you do NOT identify the transaction as a payment for goods or services. If you do that, Venmo takes out a business fee.

2. You may also drop off cash or a check in the school office or send money in an envelope to school with your child. Please ensure that you address the envelope to Becky Eaton and/or Tonya Wonio.

When we put your name on the Christmas letter, it is generally the parents' first and last name. For those of you who were in last year's letter, we will put your name the same way unless you tell us to do it differently. If you were not in last year's letter, please let us know how you would like your name to appear. Sometimes it's both parents, sometimes it's one parent and a student, just students' names, grandparents' names, etc.

If you choose to contribute, please send your payments by 12/3/24 so that we have time to get the gifts/letters put together before Christmas break.

Please email/text/call with any questions. Becky's cell is 715-579-3784.

Thank you and have a happy Thanksgiving and holiday season!

Becky Eaton & Tonya Wonio

## **Friday, December 6: Parents Night Out**

Need a date night or just some time alone? Let the 8th-grade class babysit your children with the help of their guardians from 5:30pm - 9pm.

This is open to all current St. Augustin families - children must be 4+ and potty trained.

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

## 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](#)

Thank you!

Mrs. Spike