

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you had a great week!

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: Brooklyn (2nd), Caroline (2nd), George (2nd), Natalie (3rd), Josie (3rd), Victor (5th), Ann (5th), Austin (6th) Gordon (7th), and Caysen (8th).

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. Jensen provided an update!

In our guidance lessons so far this year, our PreK - 3rd grade classes have been talking about skills for learning. Some of these skills include: listening, focusing attention, and following directions. In 4th and 5th grade, we are discussing empathy and respect. Today, with the 6th grade class, Mrs. Jensen will introduce what it means to have a growth mindset.

2024 St. Augustin Auction Updates

Theme Voting

The 2024 St. Augustin Auction site is live! Please click [here](#) to vote for your favorite auction theme. Vote once, vote twice, or vote repeatedly to make sure your favorite is selected! The three options include:

Diamonds & Denim: a night of 90's Country: denim, western, fringe, sparkles, big hair and bigger attitudes

American Icon: Think American musicians, artists, movie stars, sports heroes, cultural icons.

Après Ski: Whether a ski bunny or slope shredder... it's cold outside and you're ready to warm up with a hot toddy and some signature dance moves

Feel free to send the link to anyone you can coerce into voting for your favorite theme! All votes accepted.

Voting closes at the end of day **Thursday, September 19**, so make sure to get out there and vote!

All Call for Volunteers

Have you always dreamt of helping with the school auction? Do you feel sorry for all the poor souls who've already been roped in and feel called to help? Or do you just want a reason to hang with some of our community's kindest and coolest parents? We need your help! Text Genevieve Hays (515-494-1544) and/or Peter Boyd (510-610-1778) to learn how you can get involved.

Join us on Social Media!

Social Media accounts are now active! Stay up to date on the latest auction announcements by following us on Facebook and Instagram (special thanks to Olga Boyd, AJ Kelley and Melissa Abendroth):

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

Wine Party RSVP

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. Co-hosted by Claire and Steve Ridenour, Laura Martino and John Tiffany, Lindsey and Tim Rypma, Sarah and Randy Reichardt.

[Please click here to RSVP.](#)

Wednesday, September 18: Spirit Wear Order Deadline

If you wish to have spirit wear items delivered before our next blue and gold day (Friday, September 27), orders must be placed by Wednesday, September 18.

To order, please click [here](#).

Thursday, September 19: Mass

Please join us for Mass on Thursday, September 19 at the school. Our 6th grade students are leading next week.

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

Friday, September 20: Picture Day

This year there's no need to pre-order pictures! After picture day you'll be emailed a link to securely view and order your photos online. Pictures will be mailed directly to your home. Click [here](#) for more information. 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.

We are looking for two volunteers from 8am to 12pm to help make sure the kids are looking their best. Each volunteer will receive \$25 off their picture package.

Friday, September 20: Middle School Service Project

All of our middle school students will be volunteering at [Iowa Gardening for Good](#) in Madrid.

Students will come to school in their picture day attire and then change into their house shirt and pants (jeans or sweatpants). Please be sure that students wear pants and shoes that can get dirty as they will be harvesting produce. Students need to bring a lunch and a water bottle with them, as we will be eating at the farm. Students may also bring sunscreen or a hat.

We will leave the school around 10am and return around 2pm.

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.

Friday, September 27: Leadership Council Meeting

All St. Augustin parents are members of the leadership council. Meetings of the leadership council will be on the following Fridays in the school library from 8:30am - 9:30am: Friday, September 27, Friday, October 25, Friday, November 22, Friday, January 31, Friday, February 28, Friday, March 28, and Friday, April 25. All are welcome to attend.

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 Des Moines Public School District, West Des Moines Public School District, Ankeny Public School District or Southeast Polk School District 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

Yearbook Photo Submissions

Submit your photos for the yearbook using this link: <https://photos.jostens.com/Q9EQVG>

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.

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

Thank you!

Mrs. Spike