

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you had a great weekend. :) A reminder that we do not have school Wednesday, November 24 – Sunday, November 28.

COVID

Currently, St. Augustin Catholic School has fewer than six cases. In the Diocese of Des Moines Metro Region Schools, 0.56% of students/faculty/staff have tested positive for COVID-19.

Please note, the Diocese of Des Moines and St. Augustin Catholic School encourage mask wearing.

If you have a child staying home sick from school, please complete the Google Form linked on our website (or [here](#)). We are required to track our absenteeism percentage for IDPH.

Fall Fundraiser Thank You

Thank you so much to all of the families who attended, donated, volunteered, and purchased items from the fall fundraiser. I can hardly wait to hear how successful it was! :) A **huge** thank you to Brooke Kerr and Tonya Wonio – our auction chairs – for all their hard work in planning such a fun event, as well as, Becky Eaton and Stephanie Haas – our Co-Presidents.

Until Tuesday, November 30: November Service Project

Mr. Grimm, Ms. Caligiuri, Ms. Cataldo, and the sixth grade class are participating in a project called "Adopt a Native Elder." The mission is to provide assistance to impoverished, struggling members of the Navajo Nation, who have suffered tremendously as a result of COVID-19. Starting on Tuesday, November 16, we are encouraging financial donations from each class (Grades K-8). Our goal is to raise \$250 per class/grade level. Each day, sixth 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 sixth grade students will keep a record of each classroom's total donation amount, and the classroom with the highest dollar amount of donations will receive a pizza party at school! We hope that everyone contributes to this incredibly worthy cause!

More information linked [here](#).

Monday, November 22: Original Works of Art Deadline

TOMORROW is the DEADLINE to order Original Works of Art. Many of the items would make great Christmas gifts for grandparents or even your own kids! A flyer was sent home last week and it includes a copy of your child's artwork in addition to directions and a code for ordering these items online. Please feel free to call or text Jenny Lorbiecki with any questions or if you need your child's code at 515-321-0650. Thank you for supporting Home & School!

Tuesday, November 23: Knights of Columbus Scholarship Deadline

The Knights of Columbus scholarship deadline is Tuesday, November 23. All students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade are eligible.

Sunday, November 28: Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus have partnered with our eighth grade class to host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 28 from 9am – 11am. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Sunday, November 28: First Day of Rehearsal of the Children’s Christmas Choir

Please click [here](#) for more information.

Wednesday, December 1: Transportation Reimbursement Form

Transportation Reimbursement deadline for the first semester is December 1, 2021. 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 will no longer file a paper request for transportation reimbursement. You are now being asked to submit your reimbursement request online by going to <https://www.dmschools.org/>. The directions are linked [here](#).

Thursday, December 9: Christmas Program

Our annual Christmas Program is on Thursday, December 9. The middle school choir will perform first at 6:30pm in the gymnasium. Our kindergarten, first, and second grade students will perform afterward (around 6:45pm).

Thursday, December 16: Christmas Program

Our fifth – eighth grade band will perform on Thursday, December 16 at 6:30pm in the gymnasium.

Tuesday, December 7 & Tuesday, December 14: Ronald McDonald House Service Project

If your child is looking for service hours or interested in volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House, please email Mrs. Sgroi (asgroi@staugustin.org) to sign up. Students will meet Mrs. Sgroi at the Ronald McDonald House to clean the facility after school from 4:00pm – 6:00pm on either December 7 and December 14. Students who volunteer must be vaccinated and must bring their vaccination cards to the Ronald McDonald House with them.

Home & School Service Committee

The foundation of our Catholic faith is serving our communities and those most in need. The 2021-2022 Service Committee made up of Cynthia Steidl-Bishop, Mrs. Sgroi and Lindsay Gilbert have developed the following monthly service projects to ensure we are fulfilling our service to our community while helping our middle school students reach their required service hours. Following is what we have planned for the year:

January- St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter

Please sign up to help us prepare a meal for January 29

at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C44AEA729A4F85-stjosephs1>.

February- Catholic Schools Week Service Project (more details to come)

March- Cleaning at Ronald McDonald House Charities (more details to come)

April- St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter

Please sign up to help us prepare a meal for April 2

at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C44AEA729A4F85-stjosephs1>.

May- Mary's Helping Hands (more details to come)

If you have ideas for service, please reach out to our Religion Teacher, Mrs. Sgroi at asgroi@staugustinschool.org or co-chair of our service committee, Lindsay Gilbert at lgilbert1130@yahoo.com or Cynthia Steidl-Bishop at cynthia.steidl@me.com.

St. Augustin School Adoration Hour

Please join our St. Augustin School Community for one hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for our school, our parish, our teachers, our staff, and our students. Take this opportunity to grow in your spiritual life and see what happens! Thursdays from 2-3 p.m. the Home & School Service Committee invites members to share an hour with Jesus in our Adoration Chapel at St. Augustin Church. Please sign up for your hour [here](#).

Uniforms

To buy school uniforms from Lands End, please click [here](#). Then, enter our uniform purchasing number 900031717.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Spike