

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you had a wonderful weekend. :)

An enormous thank you to our entire school community for supporting our school divided service project. We raised \$1,293.99. To celebrate this, we will have a school-wide out of uniform day tomorrow, Monday, September 13.

### **COVID Update**

Currently, St. Augustin Catholic School has zero positive cases. We will continue to report out COVID cases in the weekly email, just as we did last year (zero, fewer than six, or a specific number).

Our community has been very diligent in keeping children home when they are ill and/or not feeling well. Thank you!

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.

### **Additional COVID Information**

The Diocese of Des Moines updated the Mitigation Plan to include the following statement: *If your child has been tested for COVID, your child needs to remain home from school until the results verify a "negative" test. Please notify us of the results of any COVID test.* To access the entire plan, please click [here](#).

If there is a positive case within our building, we plan to report the case out to parents using the letter attached [here](#). Should you receive the letter, it is your decision whether or not to have your son or daughter tested. Test Iowa now has free test kits (saliva PCR tests) that you can pick up at various locations or have a kit sent to your home: <https://www.testiowa.com/en>.

Unfortunately, we have to acknowledge that COVID has the opportunity to be present within the school at any given point in time - just as it is in other establishments. Some children/adults will develop symptoms whereas others will remain asymptomatic.

### **Mass**

Please join us for Mass at the St. Augustin Church on Thursday, September 16 at 8:45am. Our seventh grade students will be leading this week. Students should be in uniform; please no out of uniform/birthday passes.

### **Looking Ahead**

#### **Saturday, September 17 at 7pm: Trivia Night in the parish hall**

Back by Popular Demand: TRIVIA! Please mark your calendar for Trivia on Saturday, September 18 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm in the St. Augustin Catholic Church Parish Hall. All proceeds benefit the St. Augustin Catholic School Library. Gather your family and friends to make up teams of

eight (or less, but not more). Cost is \$20 per person. Choose a name for your team (beforehand or when you arrive)! If you don't have a team, no worries, you may join another team or form a new team with others! Bring your own drinks and snacks, a Popcorn Bar will be provided. Email Mrs. Therese Drey (tdrey@staugustinschool.org) to register your team.

This fun evening is a friendly competition among friends with bragging rights going to the winners!

### **Friday, September 24: Picture Day**

Lifetouch will be in the building on Friday, September 24 to photograph our students. You can go online and place your order with a credit card at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) and Picture Day ID: EVTPT97GR. You can also complete a paper order form and return it to school with a check – these are available in the main office.

Parent helpers play an essential role in helping our school and students have a successful picture day. Please email me if this is something that interests you. In return, Lifetouch will give you a coupon toward the purchase of your child/children's portrait package.

### **Monday, September 27: No School – Professional Development Day for Faculty**

#### **Home & School Service Committee**

The foundation of our Catholic faith is serving others. The Service Committee was founded to serve our parish, our school and our community by providing service opportunities for all grades including middle school to fulfill their required service hour requirements.

#### **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](#).

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

#### **Uniforms**

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

Have a great week!

Mrs. Spike