

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are enjoying your weekend! Thank you for your patience with arrival and dismissal last week; I'm looking forward to a week with no rain in the forecast. If you do not have a sign with your last name on it for pick up, please add this accessory to your car. It is helpful for the teachers on duty to be able to say your name and assign your child/children a cone to stand beside.

Please only use the left lane of the driveway to pull completely around the front, five spots. There have been some close calls with drivers pulling around the car line and then entering one of the coned spots. If you have questions, I'm happy to help!

Please read through the weekly email below.

#### Absence Due to Illness Form

After calling the St. Augustin Catholic School Office at 515-279-5947 to report a student absence, please complete the Google Form linked [here](#).

#### Cub Scout Meeting

All youth attending St. Augustin Catholic School (ages 5-10) are invited to attend an outdoor information meeting on Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30pm at the church. Please click [here](#) for more information.

#### September Service Project

The first grade class is creating "Thank You" bags for the diocesan nurses and hospital nurses. Each grade has been assigned an item to donate, and the first graders will assemble and decorate the bags. Please click [here](#) for more information. Please send items by Friday, September 25.

#### All School Mass

Please join us virtually for Mass on Thursday, September 17 at 8:30am. The sixth grade class will lead this week. The livestream will be on the St. Augustin Parish Youtube Channel linked [here](#). If we are unable to have Mass at the church due to weather, it will be canceled for the week.

#### Catholic Charities School-Based Therapy

St. Augustin Catholic School is partnering with Catholic Charities to offer school-based therapy to our students. Please click [here](#) for more information.

#### Boxtops

Help earn free money for our school with Box Tops. Please click [here](#) to find out how you can help. Start sending any clipped, non-expired Box Tops labels to school in a plastic bag with your student's name and grade on marked on it. In October, we'll award prizes to those students who turned in the most Box Tops.

## CTO

The Catholic Tuition Organization provides tuition assistance to help Iowa families send their children to school in the Diocese of Des Moines.

When you give to CTO, you receive a 65 percent Iowa tax credit on every dollar you give greatly lowering your Iowa tax liability. That's the highest tax credit available in the state. Plus, the low operating costs means more of your donation goes directly to impacting families. Take just one minute to watch the video linked [here](#). You'll see why so many give year after year!

If you are interested in donating, please complete the form linked [here](#) and mail it to the Diocese of Des Moines at 601 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309, or you can give online [here](#).

## 2019 – 2020 Yearbooks

We have a few extra yearbooks from last school year available in the main office for \$26. Please email Mrs. Rachele Watters ([rwatters@staugustinschool.org](mailto:rwatters@staugustinschool.org)) if you are interested in purchasing one.

## Home and School Service Opportunities

### **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 click [here](#) to sign up for as many as you like through our sign up genius link. It is guaranteed to be the best hour of your week.

### **Catholic Charities St. Joseph's Family Shelter**

Help provide dinner Sept. 26 or Oct. 18. Deliver your items to Cynthia or Lindsay in the St. Augustin church parking lot at 4:30 p.m. on your delivery date. Please click [here](#) to sign up to contribute to the meal through Sign Up Genius. The family shelter is in need of many meals during the next months. If your family would like to take an entire meal, please call St. Joseph's shelter staff at 515-282-5231 to arrange a date that works.

## Sixth - Eighth Grade Band

Please click [here](#) for the middle school band lesson schedule.

The cost for band this year is \$360. If you would like to pay by check annually (\$360) or semi-annually (\$180), you may send a check made out to St. Augustin Catholic School to the main office. If you would like to pay monthly (\$40), Mrs. Susan Wees will email ACH forms by the end of the week.

## Picture Day

Our fall picture day is this Friday, September 18. Students may dress up (no jeans, please) or wear their school uniforms. If your child/children are participating in distance learning, we will

plan to have their pictures taken at 1:30pm in the afternoon in the media center. Please drive around to the back of the school building and enter through the south doors. Please do not arrive before 1:20pm (seventh and eighth grade students have recess until 1:20pm). Mrs. Wees or I will meet you back there with further directions.

Thank you,

Mrs. Spike