Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you had a great week!:)

Please click <u>here</u> to view the August lunch menu. If you are interested in volunteering at lunch, please complete the form linked <u>here</u>.

### JMC E-Registration - IMPORTANT!

There are a few families that have not completed registration in JMC for the 2025 - 2026 school year. **Please complete as soon as possible.** Reminder: If you have a new student attending St. Augustin - siblings included - please complete registration for those students. Thank you! Please click here for step by step directions.

Please click here to log into JMC.

#### **Important Dates**

# TODAY!! Friday, August 15: Middle School Volleyball Sign-Up Deadline

If your 6th-8th grade daughter is interested in playing volleyball this year, please email Mr. Samuelson (<u>isamuelson@staugustinschool.org</u>) by Friday, August 15. Practices may start on Monday, August 18.

### Tuesday, August 19 from 4pm – 5pm: New Family Ice Cream Social

Come meet our new families! All St. Augustin families are welcome to attend. Please email Mrs. Power to RSVP so we can purchase the correct amount of ice cream treats! We will meet on the playground - weather permitting!

### Thursday, August 21 from 9am – 10am: Middle School Orientation

All incoming sixth graders are invited to attend middle school orientation on Thursday, August 21. Students will meet the teachers, locate their lockers, and receive their schedules. No uniforms are needed for this event.

# Thursday, August 21 from 10am – 12pm: Supply Drop Off

All students (pre-kindergarten - eighth grade) are welcome to drop off their school supplies between 10:00am — 12:00pm. School supply lists are linked below.

## Thursday, August 21 from 10am – 12pm: Used Uniform Sale

Come shop the used uniform sale in the lunchroom during supply drop off. All items are \$1.

### Thursday, August 21 from 6:00pm – 7:30pm: Back to School Night

Please join us for our Back to School Night. We will begin promptly in the gymnasium at 6:00pm. This event is for parents only and is mandatory.

# Saturday, August 23: St. Augustin Catholic Church Feast Day Celebration

Join us as we celebrate our patron saint's feast day!

The celebration begins with Mass at 5:00pm. Then, enjoy a great picnic dinner following Mass. We'll be serving barbecued pulled pork and beef hot dogs, along with side dishes, dessert, and beverages. Stay for the fun and fellowship! Our celebration activities will include: Giant Inflatables, Dunk Tank, and Great Fellowship. \*Kids are welcome to bring their swimsuits and take turns in the dunk tank if they can safely swim.\*

AGAIN THIS YEAR - Tickets will not be required to attend St. Augustin Feast Day! Costs are being covered through free will offerings and the generosity of our many sponsors. If your business or family would like to sponsor Feast Day, please drop a donation off at the Parish Office or in the tithing basket along with your name, marked for Feast Day, and return before Tuesday, August 19, to ensure inclusion in our event program. Or use the ONLINE GIVING portal, general donation, notating Feast Day.

Please consider volunteering to set up, clean up, or bring desserts/fruit by signing up at: <u>bit.lv/457axBc</u>

#### Saturday, August 23: St. Michael's Day of Faith and Fun

St. Michael's, a Diocesan-wide boys group for grades 3-8 with High School Leaders (under adult supervision) is having a Day of Faith & Fun on Saturday, August 23.

Please RSVP for the food, paintball, and transportation numbers. Paintball cost is approximately \$50. RSVP by Wednesday, August 20 to Jeff Pierick at (515) 778-6087.

All boys are invited to any or all activities:

7:15am: Mass, Confession, and Rosary at St. Francis

Breakfast is provided in the church parking lot

(transportation on the St. Augustin Church bus to Dowling Catholic, St. Augustin's, paintball at St. Charles, and back to St. Augustin's)

9:30am: Dowling Catholic Eucharistic Procession at the school (meet inside the northwest entrance of the school by the chapel)

10:30am: For Service Hours (regular or Confirmation), help St. Augustin set up tables and chairs

for its Feast Day that night

11:30am: Lunch provided in the St. Augustin parking lot

12:00pm - 4:00pm Take the St. Augustin Church bus to paintball in St. Charles and return to St.

Augustin Church parking lot

5:00pm: Vigil Mass at St. Augustin

6:00pm: Feast Day Dinner at St. Augustin

8:30pm: Again, for Service Hours, help tear down the tables and chairs

\*\*\*To wear that day (except during paintball), we hope each attendee can wear a St. Michael's blue T-shirt. For any boy needing one, please forward his size with your RSVP — youth or adult sizes. The T-shirts are \$12, but St. Michael's will pay for any boy who can't afford one. Shirt orders needed by Monday, August 18.\*\*\*

# Sunday, August 24: Blessing of the Backpacks

Following 10am Mass at St. Augustin, meet Fr. Pisut in the Parish Hall with your child/children's empty backpack for a blessing and treats. Please click <u>here</u> for the flyer.

# Monday, August 25: First Day of School and TK/K Early Dismissal

The first day of school for students in transitional kindergarten through eighth grade is Monday, August 25. Students may be dropped off in the front of the school at 7:55am; there will not be supervision outside before this time. Students will wait outside with their classes until the first bell rings at 8:05am. The school day begins promptly at 8:15am. The school day ends at 3:15pm.

A reminder that all attendance emails should be directed to Mrs. Karen Engel in the main office (kengel@staugustinschool.org).

Our transitional kindergarten and kindergarten students will be dismissed at 11:15am (before lunch) on Monday, August 25.

#### Monday, August 25: Boo Hoo/Woo Hoo Breakfast

Following morning drop off, St. Augustin parents and guardians and younger siblings are invited to join us for the annual Boo Hoo (or Woo Hoo!) Breakfast. More information to come; please mark your calendars now!

### Tuesday, August 26: Middle School House Sorting and TK/K Early Dismissal

Our new middle school students will be sorted into houses on August 26. Current/returning students should wear their house shirts with uniform shorts/skirts/pants.

Our transitional kindergarten and kindergarten students will be dismissed at 12pm (after lunch) on Tuesday, August 26.

Beginning on Wednesday, August 27, our transitional kindergarten and kindergarten students will have full days of school. On this day, we kindly ask that you encourage/allow your child/children to enter the building with their classes.

# Wednesday, August 27: PreK First Day of School

Our pre-kindergarten students will begin on Wednesday, August 27. All students will be dismissed at 11:15am.

## Thursday, August 28: PreK Early Dismissal

Our pre-kindergarten students will be dismissed at 12pm (for those who are in full day PreK) on Thursday, August 28.

Students who are in AM PreK only will still be dismissed at 11:15am.

Beginning on Friday, August 29, our pre-kindergarten students enrolled in our all-day program will have full days of school. On this day, we kindly ask that you encourage/allow your child/children to enter the building with their classes.

## Thursday, August 28: Mary's Meals Benefit Concert at Jasper Winery

Enjoy a fun evening (6pm - 9pm) with Nashville musicians Phoenix Mendoza, Josh Leo, and Kitty Steadman, lead singer of Drop Dead Dangerous. The event will be MCed by Des Moines native and comedian Willie Farrell.

This benefit is raising money for <u>Mary's Meals</u>. Any monetary donation will help the world's most vulnerable children receive an education and provide them with enough to eat. Bring a friend, have fun and make a difference!

Free will donation for burgers, chicken, meatballs, chips, desserts, drinks. Wine and beer will be available to purchase.

Bring blankets and lawn chairs for seating and get ready to jam!

# Friday, August 29: Blue and Gold Day

Friday, August 29 will be our first Blue and Gold Day of the school year. For a minimum \$1 donation, students may wear a St. Augustin spirit shirt and blue jeans or jean shorts.

## Saturday, September 13: Bishop's Celebration of Catholic Schools

Please consider joining us for the Bishop's Celebration of Catholic Schools on Saturday, September 13. Please click here for more information.

DCHS Riptide: New Swimmer Evaluations
DCHS Mini Maroon Soccer

I'm looking forward to seeing you all very soon. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions. :)

Thank you!

Mrs. Spike