

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you had a relaxing spring break. :) There are lots of new additions to the weekly email. Please read all the way to the end.

### **2023 Bishop's Celebration of Catholic Schools Nominations**

Have a special teacher, administrator or school volunteer you want to recognize? Consider nominating them to be honored at the 2023 Bishop's Celebration of Catholic Schools.

Nominate someone today at [bit.ly/3labSMi](https://bit.ly/3labSMi) or through our QR code.

### **Easter Choir**

If your child/children are interested in being in the Children's Choir for Easter (12pm Mass on Sunday, April 9), please visit the music ministry website:

<https://passionandresurrection.weebly.com/>. Under the 'SACC' (Saint Augustin Children's Choir) tab, you will find music and practice clips. Under the 'Schedule' tab, you will find rehearsal schedules. You may contact Dr. Marion Scott with questions ( [music@staugustin.org](mailto:music@staugustin.org) or (786) 383-6106).

There is an Easter Concert on Friday, April 14 at 7pm that children are also welcome to participate in.

### **Second Trimester Honor Roll**

Please click [here](#) to view the 6th - 8th grade honor roll.

### **Monday, March 20: St. Michael's Retreat Sign Up Deadline**

The deadline to sign up for the St. Michael's Retreat is Monday, March 20. This retreat is open to all Catholic boys in the Diocese of Des Moines in third - eighth grade and includes fun activities, games, and talks. It is led by high school boys and local priests. There will be a special appearance by Bishop Joensen.

Additional details below:

Where: St. Augustin Catholic School and Chapel

When: Saturday, March 25 from 8am – 6pm (boys in sixth - eighth grade may stay overnight and attend the paintball outing - those who stay overnight should be picked up at 9am on Sunday, March 26)

Cost: \$50 day retreat (scholarships available) - additional \$35 for overnight (includes paintball)

Contact Karen Pierick with questions or to register ([kmpierick@gmail.com](mailto:kmpierick@gmail.com)) or 515-778-6080).

### **Thursday, March 23: Mass**

Please join us for Mass on Thursday, March 23 at 8:45am in the school gymnasium. Our second grade students will lead this week.

### **Friday, March 24: April Lunch Sign Up Deadline**

Please click [here](#) to view the April lunch menu.

Please click [here](#) to sign up for lunch for the month of April.

### **Friday, March 24: Home and School Meeting**

Please join us for the Home and School Meeting on Friday, March 24 at 8:30am in the library.

### **Monday, March 27: Yearbook Order Deadline**

It's time to order your 22-23 yearbook! Click here for ordering instructions. Order online using this [link](#) and entering our school code 233911 or using the QR code below.



### **Monday, March 27 - Friday, March 31: ISASP Testing**

Beginning Monday, March 27, third through eighth grade students will begin taking the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP), with testing concluding on Friday, March 31. This will be the third year that our students will participate in this assessment. Please avoid appointments this week if at all possible.

## Friday, March 31: Blue and Gold Day

## Friday, April 14: Donuts with Dads

Please click [here](#) to view the flyer for Donuts with Dads. Please RSVP by Friday, March 31.

## Tuesday, April 18: CTO/DTA Application Round 1 Deadline

If you are interested in applying for CTO/DTA financial assistance for the 2023 - 2024 school year, please visit [www.fairapp.com](http://www.fairapp.com) and enter the school code 450 and the password 450ddm.

**Tuition Assistance Available!**

The first qualification for families to receive tuition assistance is income. Compare your income with the "maximum income" for your family size as shown in the chart below. If your household income is LESS THAN the amount shown, you meet the 2023 financial eligibility requirement for the Catholic Tuition Organization (CTO) or funds available through the NEW Diocesan Tuition Assistance (DTA) established with the Ignite Capital Campaign.

*Family Size	**CTO MAXIMUM Income	**NEW DTA MAXIMUM Income
2	\$ 78,880	\$ 98,600
3	\$ 99,440	\$124,300
4	\$120,000	\$150,000
5	\$140,560	\$175,700
6	\$161,120	\$201,400
7	\$181,680	\$227,100
8	\$202,240	\$252,800
	Add \$20,560 for each additional dependent	Add \$25,700 for each additional dependent

\* Family size includes parent(s)/guardian(s) and total number of dependents plus others living in household  
\*\* Families/households are eligible for tuition assistance if their total income is at or below the above listed maximum income levels as reported on Line 9 of federal income tax form

## Friday, April 28: Muffins with Moms

Please click [here](#) to view the flyer for Muffins with Moms. Please RSVP by Friday, April 7.

## Friday, April 28: 8th Grade Parent Volunteers Needed for Finance Park

Please click [here](#) to sign up to volunteer for Finance Park .

### **Monday, May 1: Transportation Reimbursement Form**

Transportation Reimbursement deadline for the second semester is May 1, 2023. 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 AND Ankeny Public School District will no longer file a paper request for transportation reimbursement. You are now being asked to submit your reimbursement request online. Click [here](#) for Des Moines Public and [here](#) for Ankeny Public transportation online forms.

### **Friday, May 5: Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament**

Spring has almost arrived, which means the annual St. Augustin Golf Event is just around the corner. Whether you're a good golfer or a duffer, join us on Friday, May 5 at the Waveland Golf Course, and help support St. Augustin Catholic School and the Knights of Columbus.

Registration and sponsorship opportunities are at <https://royalsgolf.com/register>.

Remember, this fun-filled event fills up fast, so sign up now!

### **Friday, May 12: Kindergarten Round Up**

We will host our incoming kindergarten students on Monday, April 25 in the morning. Our current kindergarten students will not have school on this day.

### **Friday, May 19: 6th & 7th Grade Dance**

Holy Trinity and St. Theresa Youth Ministry Programs are hosting a middle school dance for all 6th and 7th grade students in the Diocese of Des Moines from 7pm to 9pm on Friday, May 19 at St. Theresa's Community Center (Gym).

Admission is \$10.00 and includes the dance, pop tickets, music, DJ, video set up and photo booth. Extra pop and food can be purchased at an additional cost.

Students will need to show school ID (or be ready to answer a question about your school).

Numerous chaperones and a police officer will be on hand for the entire evening. If you are interested in chaperoning, please email Megs at [mhowes@stdsm.com](mailto:mhowes@stdsm.com).

Cell phones will be checked in.

## **Saturday, May 20: 8th Grade Dance**

Holy Trinity and St. Theresa Youth Ministry Programs are hosting a middle school dance for all 8th grade students in the Diocese of Des Moines from 7pm to 9pm on Saturday, May 20 at St. Theresa's Community Center (Gym).

Admission is \$10.00 and includes the dance, pop tickets, music, DJ, video set up and photo booth. Extra pop and food can be purchased at an additional cost.

Students will need to show school ID (or be ready to answer a question about your school) and should be dressed up. This is a special event to congratulate students on their graduation from 8th grade and to add another special memory of their time in middle school.

Ladies: modest dress that is appropriate in length and has straps wider than one inch.

Dresses cannot be strapless. Wraps are recommended to be worn to cover up shoulders.

Young Men: slacks, khakis are appropriate, no shorts. Polo style, button downs, sweaters, fleece are acceptable.

Numerous chaperones and a police officer will be on hand for the entire evening. If you are interested in chaperoning, please email Megs at [mhowes@stdsm.com](mailto:mhowes@stdsm.com).

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## **Adoration Sign Up Link**

Our Home and School Association has an hour of adoration time on Thursdays from 2pm - 3pm. Please consider signing up for a time using the link:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/20f0e4baaad2aa4f58-home>.

The adoration chapel is in need of regular adorers. Please click [here](#) to see the hours of greatest need.

[Please click here to view the 2022 – 2023 List Calendar.](#)

Thank you!

Mrs. Spike

PS. Thank you for reading to the end! If you are one of the first five to reply to my email, I will give your child/children an out of uniform pass. :)