

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you had a wonderful weekend. :)

The Auction Committee would like to thank the following sponsors for their support for this year's auction:

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4. Bronze Sponsors (\$250): University Dental Group; Pathology Associates of Central Iowa, Dr. Joseph Eaton; Randy & Carol Boyd; **Jen Schulte & John Mickey, Raymond Hays, Shaun Fay**

There are still lots of sponsorship opportunities available, and we would LOVE your support! Click this [LINK](#) to donate now!

### **2024 - 2025 New Family Application Form**

Thank you to all of our current families for re-enrolling for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

Our new family application for enrollment is now available [here](#). If you know families **new** to St. Augustin Catholic School who are interested in applying for enrollment for next school year, please feel free to forward the link on. :)

We have reached out to families on our prospective list.

### **St. Augustin Children's Christmas Choir**

The Children's Christmas Choir will sing for the 3:15pm Prelude Concert on Christmas Eve from the front of the Church and will lead Hymns for the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass from the Loft! Please contact Dr. Scott at [music@staugustin.org](mailto:music@staugustin.org) for more information on rehearsal times and song selections.

### **November Service Project Information:**

For our November Service Project, the 6th grade class is participating in a project called "Adopt a Native Elder." The mission is to provide assistance to impoverished, struggling members of the Navajo Nation, who suffered tremendously as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and current inflation rates are only compounding the problem. We are encouraging financial donations from each class throughout the month of November. Our goal is to raise \$300 per grade, which will be enough to sponsor one Native Elder for a year.

Each day, 6th-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 6th-grade students will keep a record of each class's total donation amount, and the grade with the highest dollar amount of donations will receive a donut party at school!

The service project will run through December 1. If you would like to donate with a check, please make it out to "Adopt a Native Elder." We hope that everyone contributes to this incredibly worthy cause!

### **Monday, November 20: Board of Education Meeting**

The next BOE meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 20 at **6:30pm** in the library.

### **Tuesday, November 21 : Thanksgiving Prayer Service**

We will have a Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Tuesday, November 21 from 2:30pm - 3pm in the school gym.

### **Wednesday, November 22 - Friday, November 24: Thanksgiving Break**

There will be no school on Wednesday, November 22 - Friday, November 24.

### **Friday, December 1: Hey, Barbie! Auction Information**

St. Augustin's Annual Auction and Cocktail Party is on Friday, December 1, 2023 at 6:00pm at Willow on Grand.

Please click [here](#) to access the auction website.

Please click [here](#) for the Kid's Wish List Flyer.

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

Please click [here](#) for more information on becoming a sponsor and donating items.

Please click [here](#) for the grandparent sponsorship letter that was sent home with students last week.

Please follow our auction social media accounts to stay updated!

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/327397102763516>

Instagram: @st.augustinschool\_auction

### **Friday, December 1: Transportation Reimbursement Form Due**

Transportation Reimbursement deadline for the first semester is December 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 will no longer file a paper request for transportation reimbursement. You are now being asked to submit your reimbursement request online by going to the website linked [here](#).

### **December 2 - 5: Santa's Closet Volunteers Needed**

Calling all parents! If you would like to volunteer at Santa's Closet this year, please click [here](#) to sign up.

If you are new to the school, Santa's Closet is a Christmas store set up in the library where children can shop for family members, teachers and friends. Gifts are wrapped, tagged and sent home with your children. Santa's Closet is provided by and is a fundraiser for our Home & School.

### **Home and School Adoration Hour Sign Up**

Our Home and School Association has an hour of adoration time on Thursdays from 2pm - 3pm. Please click [here](#) for the sign up link.

### **Local Uniform/Embroidery Option**

We have partnered with a local supplier for our basic school polos (offered in navy, red, and white). You are still welcome to purchase items from Lands End; however, we wanted to give parents an option that will have quicker turnaround times.

[Please click here to access the website to order navy, red, and white polo shirts.](#)

If you have already purchased polos that need to be embroidered, Hayley (hayleypoe905@gmail.com) does this service for \$5/shirt, as well.

### **Lands End Uniform**

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

### **Spirit Wear**

We have a St. Augustin Spirit Wear website where you can order items to print “on demand”, pay online and have them shipped to your home. Students wear spirit wear on Blue and Gold Days (typically the last Friday of each month).

<https://www.rayguncustom.com/collections/st-augustin-catholic-school>

### **Job Opportunities**

Our middle school mathematics position is vacant. If you know anyone who would be interested in this position, please have them reach out to me.

We are also looking for substitute associates. Please email Mrs. Rachelle Watters, [rwatters@staugustinschool.org](mailto:rwatters@staugustinschool.org), if you are interested.

Thank you!

Mrs. Spike