



St. Augustine School Newsletter

March 2020



The mission of St. Augustine School is to devote ourselves to our strong Catholic identity, promote academic excellence, and foster respect and justice for all. We strive to create an environment that prepares our students to draw upon their faith in order to conduct their lives with integrity and wisdom.

From the Desk of Mrs. O'Dea

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our Lenten Season began Wednesday, February 26th with our Ash Wednesday Mass. A special visit was made to St. Julie House by Fr. Art so that all the preschoolers were able to have ashes too. Our staff will once again be attending mass together at 8:00am during lent starting on March 4th. If your schedule permits, this is a great way for you and your families to join in on our Lenten Journey. If you cannot attend you may drop your children at church and we will all walk back to school together at 8:40.

This year over 110 of our students in grades 4-8 participated in our school's basketball program. I would like to thank the 22 volunteer coaches who made this such a successful program for our students. Congrats to all our teams and especially to our 4th grade boys' and 6th grade girls' teams for bringing home the championships this year! **This year's basketball banquet for players and coaches will be held on Thursday, March 26th from 6-7:30 in the school café. Parents may join at 7:00 for cake and awards.**

Please mark your calendars to remember that Friday, March 20th is a noon dismissal and there will be buses for Andover students. Report cards for the second trimester will be distributed to all students via Renweb on **Wednesday, March 18th**. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on **Friday, March 20th** from 1:00 – 3:00 pm by appointment (Watch your emails for a Google Doc signup sheet).

Thank you to all who re-registered your child/children for the 2020-21 school year. The February 14th deadline has passed and we have begun to accept new students so please re-register as soon as possible to hold your child's seat. If for some reason you are not returning to St. A's please simply go to the re-registration site and click will not re-enroll.

For the safety of all students we ask that you follow these rules when dropping your children off in the morning. There should be no double parking or blocking the crosswalk while doing drop offs. WE count on the help of our crossing guards to keep your children safe so please follow their instructions and park appropriately.

God Bless,

Paula O'Dea, Principal



March Dates to Remember

March 6-7 School Musical- Annie Jr.

March 18 Report Cards go out via Renweb- grades K-8

March 20 Noon Dismissal- with buses for Andover students

March 20 Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-3 pm

March 23 Dress Down Day-Birthday Bundles-\$1.00

March 26 Basketball Banquet for players and coaches 6-7:30 in cafe





A message from Mary Ferguson, Service Coordinator:

The calendar says that spring arrives this month, and so we are filled with yearning as we approach the coming of Easter and all the hope that it brings. Lent is that time for us to cleanse ourselves of selfish ways and contemplate how to best prepare to truly celebrate his resurrection on Easter. We are reminded to pray, sacrifice, and give alms. We encourage everyone to join the staff at the **8:00 Mass each Wednesday** in March and April and to continue to work at their Lenten promises. On Monday, March 23rd there will be a Dress Down Day to support a local nonprofit **Birthday Bundles** begun by one of recent alum to help young residents of Capernum Place in Lawrence celebrate their birthdays. More information will be forthcoming. We also have a tradition during Lent of collecting **Coins for Kids** to benefit the [Augustinian](#) and the [Notre Dame](#) missions. Please click on these websites to learn of all the good that is done with our added support. Students may save at home or contribute to a classroom container, perhaps sacrificing the cost of treats for themselves, and donate it on our Dress Down Day on Wednesday, April 8. It is in reaching out to these communities outside of our own that helps build God's kingdom on earth. We had wonderful results in January and February with our outreach to the MSPCA with a carload of donations for the animals at Nevins Farm in Methuen along with a check for \$685.10 and a generous donation was also sent to the Boston Inner City Catholic Schools from our Dress Down Day on Valentines Day. Our wonderful Grade 2 students will lead us at Morning Prayer for the month of March.

Coming up in **April, families again will lead us in Morning Prayer at 8:45am.**

You're welcome to use your own resources or can use some of ours.

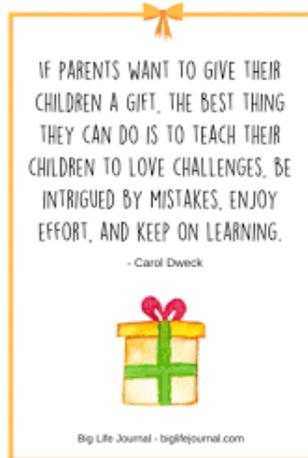
Parents/Grandparents/siblings, **please contact me to set up a date @**

mferguson@staugustineandover.org

CARE Team Corner

What is the CARE Team?

The Care team is made up of administration and support staff at St. Augustine School who work closely together to provide ongoing support for all students. Some of these supports include:



In-Class support:

- Math and Reading Support
- Specialized Wilson Reading support
- Special Education Services
- Assisted Study (Middle School)
- Response to Intervention (RTI)

Additional Support:

- Lunch Bunch
- Study Buddies (Elementary)
- Homework support (Middle)
- OT and PT services available at school by Private companies

Stay tuned for updates, tips, and more in the April issue.

Guildlines- March 2020

Warmer weather means spring is right around the corner. Take a look below at what the Guild has planned for the month of March.

Please join us on Thursday March 12 th for our monthly Parent Guild Meeting at 7pm in the Parish Center.

The Mother – Son Event is back! Moms (grandmothers, Aunts or someone special) and sons please join us for a fun night of bowling and games and Wamesit Lanes. The fun begins at 4:45pm with bowling, pizza and arcade games to follow.

The Guild sends out a Newsletter every Sunday of the school year. This is where you will get all your info for the week on what is happening in school, what we have coming up for you to mark your calendar as well as fun events.

We hope to see you at an event soon!

-Karen Perrault, Jim Denoncourt & Erica Vozzella

Guild Board