



The Halo Report



Saint Augustine Catholic School

1421 V Street NW, Washington, DC 20009

Theme 2022-2023:

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7

Greetings Parents/Guardians and Teachers!

Welcome back! Thank you to the many families who have already come by to meet me. It is a privilege to join you on the journey of Catholic education. This week, teachers and students get familiar with the many routines that are expected in the classrooms and other areas of the school. I encourage each parent to keep in touch with your child's teacher. Our Teachers Saint Augustine School emails are noted on the school webpage. I hope to see all families on Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, September 14th at 6:00pm.

Announcements

New Staff

I am pleased to announce and welcome our new teachers: Ms. Malika Bryant (Art), Dr. Thomas Irvin (ELA/Eighth Grade), Ms. Lisbeth May (Spanish), and Marissa Vicente (Second Grade).

First Responders Appreciation Assembly

On Friday, September 9 Saint Augustine Catholic School will hold our Annual First Responders Assembly. This Assembly will be held at 9:00am after Mass and will honor all those who protect us.

Back To School Night:

Back to School Night will take place on Wednesday, September 14th in the Saint Augustine Room starting at 6:00pm. I encourage all parents/guardians to attend this event to get to know your child(ren) teachers and to ask any questions that you may have.

Annual Family Barbeque and Afterschool Activity

Wednesday, September 21

On Wednesday, September 21, 2022, we encourage all parents to attend, and sign your child(ren) up for our many activities we will provide this academic school year.



9/9:
First Responder
Appreciation Assembly

9/9:
First School Mass

9/14:
Back To School Night
(6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)

9/18: Blessings of
Teachers and Staff
10:00 am Mass

9/22:
Annual Family
Barbecue And After
School Activity Sign-Up
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

9/30
First Quarter
Deficiency Notes Sent
Home and Mailed

10/13: Home School
Association Meeting
6:00 PM

10/17: Professional
Development for
Staff/ 12:30pm
Dismissal for Students

Health Forms/Emergency Contact form:

Parents, it is important that you return all health forms/ emergency contact forms to the main office. If there are any delays, please provide a note from your child's doctor. Your contact information should be updated and turned in. If there are changes to be made, please see the Assistant to the Principal, Mr. Bullock, to ensure that your information is up to date. Attached is the Emergency Procedure Form, which tells the staff what your wishes are regarding your child in case of an emergency. This form is due back to school by Friday, September 30, 2022.

Virtus Training:

Were you unable to chaperone? Please visit the following website:

https://virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0 to locate a training class that fits your schedule. Upon completion contact Mrs. Judon at (202)265-1470

Immunization Records

Each school year state law requires for your child(ren) to be up to date with immunization shots. It is important that all students are fully immunized at the earliest appropriate time. This matter can prevent your child(ren) from continuing the 2022-2023 academic school year. Please make an effort to make sure that you bring your child(ren) up to date **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. Thank you for your help in ensuring that your child's medical records are updated and accurate.

MAP Testing

The Beginning of the Year MAP Testing will begin soon. Please see the attached letter for more details.

Business-School Partnerships:

Consider trying these businesses!

Alero Restaurant at 1301 U St NW, Washington, DC 20009. The faculty enjoyed a fine meal here during orientation week.

Bread Bite Bakery at 1506 U St NW, Washington, DC 20009. The bakery will provide delicious cakes as welcome gifts from our school to the fire department and police department.

We hope that you find this information helpful in this week's Halo Report. Each week your child(ren) will receive a new Halo Report and a copy will be emailed to each parent.

Thank you for supporting Saint Augustine Catholic School!

Sincerely,

Dr. Henry Wroblewski

Principal, Saint Augustine Catholic School

This Summer At Saint Augustine

National Shrine Mass

In August, our faculty gathered for Mass at the National Shrine to hear Cardinal Wilton address all the Catholic school personnel. In his homily, he encouraged us to be the light in the darkness, Christ to others.



New Parent Orientation

We welcomed new families last week. Aftercare, uniforms, tuition, and Home and School Association were covered. Afterwards, there was a question and answer period.



School Decorators

Special thanks to our parish volunteers who helped to spruce up the front of our school for opening day. Ms. Dena Grant, Aklasheya Ashenafi, Abigeya Ashenafi, Mrs. Anne Seymour and Michael Lohri. were on hand to help plant new greenery and add a welcome glow to our school building.



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Important Dates

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SAINT AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOLLOWS DCPS FOR WEATHER CLOSURES

School Year Calendar 2022-2023 (August 12, 2022)

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Mandatory Weekly 8:00 Mass	
Dates	Events
Thursday, August 4	New Teacher Orientation
Monday, August 22 - Thursday, September 2	Teacher Orientation and Professional Development
Monday, August 22	ADW Opening School Mass 10:00 AM
Wednesday, September 2	Parent Orientation 5:00 PM (Saint Augustine Room)
	Staff Pictures 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
Tuesday, September 6	First Day of School
	Before Care and After Care Begins
Friday, September 9	First School Mass
	Summer Assignments Collected
Monday September 12	MAP Fall Baseline Testing Window Opens
Wednesday September 14	Staff Meeting 7:15 AM
	Back to School Night/ State of the School (Mandatory for Staff)
	Parent/Student Handbook Distribution
Sunday, September 18	Blessings of Teachers and Staff of Saint Augustine Church and School 10:00 AM Mass (Mandatory for Staff)
Wednesday, September 22	Back to School BBQ 6:00 PM
	Sign Up For After School Activities (Mandatory for Staff)
Wednesday, September 28	Eighth Grade Parent Meeting 6:00 PM
Thursday, September 29	Staff Meeting 7:15 AM
Friday, September 30	First Quarter Deficiency Notes Sent Home and Mailed
Monday, October 3	First Home School Association Meeting 6:00 PM
Friday, October 7	Professional Development for Staff
	12:30 Dismissal Half Day for Students No Aftercare
	Last day for Aftercare Activity Sign Up
Monday, October 10	No School for Students Columbus Day (Indigenous Peoples' Day)
Tuesday, October 11	After School Activities Begins
Wednesday October 12	Eighth Grade Parent Meeting 6:00 PM
Thursday, October 13	Staff Meeting 7:15 AM
TBD	High School Placement Test Registration Window Opens
TBD	NET Retreat for Middle School Students (Saint Augustine Room)
Friday, October 28	No School for Students ADW Virtual Fall Collaboration Day
Monday, October 31	Halloween Party 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
	First Quarter Ends
Tuesday, November 1	No School for Students All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday, November 2	Second Quarter Begins

	School Canned Food Drive for The Little Sisters of the Poor Begins	
Wednesday, November 2	Individual Student Picture Day	
Thursday, November 4	Staff Meeting 7:15 AM	
Monday, November 7	Home School Association Meeting 6:00 PM	
Friday, November 11	12:30 Dismissal Half Day for Students	
	No Aftercare or Afterschool Activities	
	First Quarter Report Cards Parent	
	Teacher Conferences 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	
Wednesday, November 16	Eighth Grade Parent Meeting 6:00 PM	
Thursday, November 17	Staff Meeting 7:15 AM	
Thursday, November 17- Friday, November 18	Saint Augustine Church Annual Food Preparation Cafeteria Closed	
Friday, November 18	School Canned Food Drive for The Little Sisters of the Poor Ends	
Saturday, November 19	Saint Augustine Church Annual Food Distribution Saint Augustine Room	
Wednesday, November 23	School Thanksgiving Luncheon 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	
	Thanksgiving Break Begins	
	12:30 PM Dismissal	
	Half Day for Students No Aftercare or Afterschool Activities	
Sunday, November 27	First Week of Advent	
Monday, November 28	Classes Resume	
	Lighting of School Advent Wreath	
TBD	High School Placement Test	
Thursday, December 1	Staff Meeting 7:15 AM	
Friday, December 2	Second Quarter Deficiency Notes Sent Home and Mailed	
Sunday, December 4	Second Sunday of Advent	
Monday December 5	Home School Association Meeting 6:00 PM	
Thursday, December 8	No School Feast of the Immaculate Conception–	
	Holy Day of Obligation	
Friday, December 9	12:30 PM Dismissal	
	Half Day for Students No Aftercare or Afterschool Activities	
Sunday, December 11	Third Sunday of Advent	
Wednesday, December 14- Friday, December 16	Saint Augustine Church Annual Toy Distribution Cafeteria Closed	
Tuesday, December 13	Makeup Individual Student Picture Day	
Wednesday, December 14	Christmas Show 6:00 PM -8:00 PM	
Thursday, December 15	Breakfast and Pictures with Santa	
Friday, December 16	No After Care/ Afterschool Activities Staff Holiday Gathering	
Sunday, December 18	Fourth Week of Advent	
Monday, December 19	Classroom Parties	
Tuesday, December 20	Christmas Break begins at Dismissal	
	12:30 PM Dismissal	
	Half Day for Students No Aftercare or Afterschool Activities	
Tuesday, January 3	School Resumes for Teachers – Staff Professional Development	
Wednesday, January 4	School Resumes for Students	
	Christmas Assignments Collected	
Monday, January 9	Home School Association Meeting 6:00 PM	
Wednesday, January 11	Eighth Grade Parent Meeting 6:00 PM	
Friday January 13	Second Quarter Ends	

Monday, January 16	No School Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tuesday January 17	Third Quarter Begins
Thursday, January 19	Staff Meeting 7:15 AM
Friday, January 20	March for Life Middle School Students
Friday, January 27	12:30 Dismissal Half Day for Students
	No Aftercare or After School Activities
	Second Quarter Report Cards Parent Teacher Conferences 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Sunday, January 29	Catholic School Week Kick Off
	2022 Early Bird Registration Kick Off
Wednesday, February 1	MAPs Mid-Year Baseline Testing Window Opens
Thursday, February 2	Staff Meeting 7:15 AM
Monday, February 6	Home School Association Meeting 6:00 PM
Wednesday, February 8	Third Quarter Deficiency Notes Sent Home and Mailed
	Eighth Grade Parent Meeting 6:00 PM
Monday, February 13	Class Picture Day
Thursday, February 16	Staff Meeting 7:15 AM
Friday, February 17	Faculty Retreat 9 AM – 4 PM
	School Closed for Students
Monday, February 20	No School President's Day
TBD	Science Fair
	No Aftercare or Afterschool Activities
Wednesday, February 22	Ash Wednesday Mass 8:00 AM
	Lent Begins
	Lenten Rice Bowl Project Begins
Friday, February 24	Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM
Sunday, February 26	First Sunday of Lent
Wednesday, March 1	Cap and Gown Picture Day for Kindergarten and Eighth Grade Students
Friday, March 3	Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM
Sunday, March 5	Second Sunday of Lent
Monday, March 6	Home School Association 6:00 PM
Friday, March 10	Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM
	12:30 PM Dismissal – Staff Professional Development
	Half Day for Students No Aftercare or Afterschool Activities
Sunday, March 12	Third Sunday of Lent
Monday, March 13	No School for Students ADW Spring Collaboration Day
Wednesday March 15	Eighth Grade Parent Meeting 6:00 PM
Thursday, March 16	Career Day
TBD	Parish Mission
Friday, March 17	Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM
Sunday, March 19	Forth Sunday of Lent
Thursday, March 23	Staff Meeting 7:15 AM
Friday, March 24	Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM
	Third Quarter Ends
Sunday, March 26	Fifth Sunday of Lent
Monday, March 27	Fourth Quarter Begins
TBD	Faith Knowledge Assessment Window Opens



TBD	End of the Year Eighth Grade Assessment Window Opens
Friday, March 31	Early Bird Registration Ends
	12:30pm Dismissal Half Day for Students
	No Aftercare or Afterschool Activities /
	Third Quarter Report Cards Parent Teacher Conferences 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Sunday, April 2	Palm Sunday
Wednesday, April 5	12:30 PM Dismissal -Easter Vacation Begins
	Half Day for Students No Aftercare or Afterschool Activities
Monday, April 17	Classes Resume
TBD	Eighth Grade Vocation Mass National Shrine
TBD	Eighth Grade Confirmation
Saturday April 29	First Penance
TBD	End of the Year Eighth Grade Assessment Window Opens
Monday, May 2	Last Home School Association Meeting 6:00 PM
Thursday, May 4	Staff Meeting 7:15 AM
Friday May 5	Third Quarter Deficiency Notes Sent Home and Mailed
Sunday, May 7	First Holy Communion
	Teacher Appreciation Week Begins
Monday, May 8- Friday, May 19	Eighth Grade Finals and Make Ups
Wednesday, May 10	Last Eighth Grade Parent Meeting 6:00 PM
TBD	Holy Name Eighth Grade Graduation Prayer Breakfast
Monday, May 22 – Wednesday, May 31	Sixth and Seventh Grade Finals
Tuesday, May 23- Thursday, May 25	Eighth Grade Class Trip (Overnight)
Thursday, May 25	Staff Meeting 7:15 AM
Friday, May 26	12:30 Dismissal Half Day for Students
	No Aftercare or Afterschool Activities
Monday, May 29	No School Memorial Day
Friday, June 2	End of the Year Awards Ceremony
Sunday, June 4	Eighth Grade - Graduation and Baccalaureate
	Pentecost Mass 10:00 AM
Monday, June 5	Last Day for all Aftercare/Afterschool Activities
Wednesday, June 7	Kindergarten Graduation 10:00 AM
Thursday, June 8	Family Fun Day 9:00 AM
Friday, June 9	Last Day for Students
	12:30 Dismissal Half Day for Students
	No Aftercare or Afterschool Activities
Monday, June 12- Thursday, June 15	End of Year Teacher's Meetings
Thursday, June 15	Last Day for Teachers
	(*Date will change if school year is extended)
Monday, June 19	No School Juneteenth Day
June 12- Onward *	*Snow Make-Up Days – If Needed
Friday, June 30	Report Cards Are Mailed Home



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September 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Catholic Schools Office is excited to announce a new system-wide Comprehensive Assessment Plan impacting all second to eighth-grade students, beginning the 2022-2023 school year. These assessments will replace the summative assessment, Scantron, previously administered. Utilizing the Scantron assessment is no longer an option based on the company's choice to end the product's availability. I would like to thank the Assessment Committee, comprised of staff from the Catholic Schools Office, principals and teachers, for their time and energy that went into the review of multiple assessment tools to find the best one to meet our schools' needs. Like the Scantron assessment tool, **NWEA MAP Growth** will assess student knowledge three times a year. All Catholic elementary schools in The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington will administer the NWEA MAP Growth Reading, Language Arts, Math, and Science assessments. Student knowledge will be assessed in fall, winter, and spring.

The MAP Growth Reading, Math, and Science assessments, administered on either a tablet or computer, will provide a personalized assessment experience for your child, one that adapts to your child's level of learning. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If the answer is incorrect, the next question is easier. This results in a detailed picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn. Due to the online nature of MAP assessments, results are immediate and accurate, helping teachers to identify the strength and growth opportunities for each child in their classrooms.

Results from the first testing window in September/October will help our teachers plan meaningful instruction and set goals to meet the needs of all ADW students. The winter assessment results from the January/February testing window, provide an opportunity for teachers to assess students on the learning continuum with results from the spring testing window in April/May, providing individualized growth data which teachers and students can use to assess goal achievement. In shifting to this assessment model, our students will be joining the 33% of students in Maryland and the 10+ million students annually assessed who use the MAP Growth assessment across the 50 United States and 141 countries worldwide.

We are genuinely excited to focus on the individual achievement and growth of the students in The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington with this shift to the NWEA MAP suite of assessments. We look forward to sharing more information with you throughout the school year. On the following page, please find links to NWEA MAP Growth resources for families to use to get more familiar and acquainted with this assessment.

Prayerfully,

Kelly Branaman
Secretary for Catholic Schools
Superintendent of Schools

Attachment

Saint Augustine Lunch Menu
September 2022

5 No School Labor Day	6 Chicken Nuggets French Fries Dessert Fruit Chocolate Milk	7 Tuna Salad Fruit Dessert Milk	8 BBQ Chicken Mac & Cheese Dessert Chocolate Milk/Water	9 Spaghetti & Meat Balls Garlic Bread Dessert Chocolate Milk/Water
12 Pizza Salad Dessert Chocolate Milk/Water	13 Chicken Sandwich Fries Dessert Chocolate Milk /Water	14 Fish Sandwich Fries Dessert Chocolate Milk/Water	15 BBQ Chicken Rice Dessert Chocolate Milk/Water	16 Cheeseburger Fries Cookie Chocolate Milk/Water
19 Tuna Salad Fruit Dessert Milk	20 Hot Dogs Fries Cookie Chocolate Milk/Water	21 Spaghetti & Meat Balls Garlic Bread Dessert Chocolate Milk/Water	22 BBQ Chicken Mac & Cheese Dessert Chocolate Milk/Water	23 Pizza Salad Dessert Chocolate Milk/Water
26 Chicken Quesadilla Chips Fruit Chocolate Milk/Water	27 Spaghetti & Meat Balls Garlic Bread Dessert Chocolate Milk/Water	28 Pizza Salad Dessert Chocolate Milk/Water	29 Chicken Nuggets French Fries Dessert Fruit Chocolate Milk	30 Fish Sandwich Fries Dessert Chocolate Milk/Water

