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Saint Augustine Catholic School

1421 V Street NW, Washington, DC 20009

Theme 2023-2024:
"If we live in the Spirit, let us also FOLLOW the Spirit." – Galatians 5:25

Greetings Parents/Guardians and Teachers!

Welcome back, Parents, Teachers, Students and Office Personnel! It is a privilege to join you on the journey of Catholic education. This week, teachers and students are getting familiar with the many routines that are expected in the classrooms and throughout the school. I encourage each parent to communicate with your child(ren)'s teacher. The Teachers emails are noted on the school webpage.

Announcements

New Staff

I am pleased to announce and welcome our new teachers: Ms. Wendi Berman (ELA/7th Grade), Ms. Athena Grace (Guidance Counselor), Mr. Biava Lartevi (Science), and Ms. Donna Robinson Porter (Second Grade).

Dismissal Policy

Parents should contact the school office before 2:00 pm for early dismissal. Afternoon prayers begin at 3:15 pm. No students will be dismiss during prayers. All students should be picked up promptly at 3:30 pm.

Back To School Night:

Back to School Night will take place on Wednesday, September 13th in the Saint Augustine Room staring 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 Friday, September 22

We encourage all parents to attend and sign your child(ren) up for our many activities we will provide this academic school year. Child(ren) can not stay for this event without their parent/guardian.



9/8: First School Mass

9/13: Back To School Night (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

9/17: 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

9/29 First Quarter Deficiency Notes Sent Home and Mailed

10/2: Home School Association Meeting 6:00 PM

10/6: Professional Development for Staff/12:30pm Dismissal for Student.

10/9 No School for Students Columbus Day (Indigenous Peoples' Day) 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, **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. 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 29, 2023.

Mr. Kip McCoy

We pray for our Physical Education Teacher, Kip McCoy's speeding recovery from his knee surgery.

P.E. Schedule:

The Physical Education Schedule has been attached. Please be aware of which uniform your child(ren) should wear to school.

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 2023-2024 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 test schedule.

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

Thank you for supporting Saint Augustine Catholic School! Sincerely,

Sister Emmanuella Ladipo, HHCJ, President Saint Augustine Catholic School

Home School Association Corner

Dear St. Augustine Families,

I hope this email finds you well and that you're all enjoying the first week of the school year. It's always an exciting time for both students and parents as we embark on a new academic journey.

As we strive to create a nurturing and engaging learning environment for our students, we are looking for dedicated parents who would like to become Classroom Parents for their child/children's classes. Being a Classroom Parent is a wonderful opportunity to get more involved in your child's education and contribute to our school community.

If you are interested in becoming a Classroom Parent, please reach out to our Home and School Association (HSA). They will provide you with more information about the role and responsibilities, as well as the process for getting involved.

Your active participation as a Classroom Parent can make a significant difference in the educational experience of our students, and we truly appreciate your willingness to support our school.

If you have any questions or would like to express your interest, please contact the HSA at Saintaugustinehsa@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to working together to make this school year a fantastic one for our children.

Thank you,

Tiffany Austin HAS President

MANDATORY CHILD PROTECTION POLICY PROCEDURES FOR VOLUNTERRING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

FIRST STEPS:

REGISTER FOR THE CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING BY ...

- Going to www.virtus.org and click the button for "First-Time Registrant" and follow the prompts to register for the "Washington DC" Archdiocese.
- 2. Once registered, select a training location most convenient for you to attend.
- Attend the training and pick up your Certificate of Completion and Policy Acknowledgment Sheet at the end of the training.
- 4. Bring a copy of your <u>Certificate and Policy Acknowledgment Sheet</u> to the church office.

SECOND STEP:

COMPLETE THE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION & FINGERPRINTING

See Ms. Bea Judon in the church office at 1419 V St NW to complete Volunteer Application Form and information on fingerprinting. The Church Office phone and fax number is: 202-265-1470: Fax Number 202-234-1787

Please bring a Photo ID with you

THIRD STEP:

Go for fingerprinting at the most convenient location near you. Available locations are listed online. Cost for fingerprinting varies from location to location. Once your fingerprinting is completed, the Archdiocese will inform the church office of the results.

Once the Archdiocese sends the church office the results, we will notify the volunteer.

Saint Augustine Lunch Menu September 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	5	6	7	8
	Spaghetti and	Steak and Cheese	BBQ Wings	Fish Tacos
	Meat Sauce	Sub	Chicken	Mexican Rice
	Garlic Bread	Vegetables	Mixed Veggies	Green Salad
	Cake	Chips	Cookies	Fruits
	Chocolate	Cookies	Chocolate Milk	Chocolate
	Milk/Water	Chocolate	Chocolate Milli	Milk/Water
	Willio Waler	Milk/Water		
11	12	13	14	15
Sloppy Joe on	Fried Chicken	Turkey Sub	BBQ Chicken	Pizza
Rolls	Mashed Potatoes	Green Salad	Wings	Salad
Fries	Vegetables	2 Dressings	Roasted	Cookies
Cookies	Cake	Vanilla Pudding	Potatoes	Chocolate
Chocolate	Chocolate	Chocolate	Ice Cream	Milk/Water
Milk/Water	Milk/Water	Milk/Water	Chocolate	
			Milk/Water	
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18	19	20	21	22
Meatloaf	Fried Fish	Beef Tacos	Fried BBQ	Spaghetti and
Roasted Potatoes	Sandwich	Rice	Chicken Wings	Meatballs
Vegetables	Chips	Vegetables	Fries	Garlic Bread
Ice Cream	Vegetables	Jello	Brownies	Cake
Chocolate	Cookies	Chocolate	Chocolate	Chocolate M:U-Water
Milk/Water	Chocolate	Milk/Water	Milk/Water	Milk/Water
25	Milk/Water 26	27	28	29
25 Chassa Lasagna		Fish Sandwich	BBQ Wings	Beef Tacos
Cheese Lasagnà Salad	Hot Dogs Fries	Fries	Chicken	Vegetables
	Jello	Cookies	Rice	Ice Cream
2 Dressings Garlic Bread	Chocolate	Water/Milk	Vegetables	Chocolate
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Chocolate	THE IN THE E		Chocolate	
Milk/Water			Milk/Water	

September 2023



SAINT AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL Washington, DC 20009 1421 V Street, NW

Calendar is subject to change



Sat	2 Fencing 8:00 am -10:00 am	9 Fencing 8:00 am -10:00 am	16 Fencing h 8:00 am -10:00 am	23 Fencing we 8:00 am -10:00 am	30 Fencing 8:00 am -10:00 am
Fri	I Teacher Orientation/ Professional Development	8 8:00 am Mass Summer Assignments Due	15 8:00 am Mass Hispanic Heritage Month Begins	22 8:00 am Mass Annual Family Barbeque and After- School Activity Sign-ups 6:00 pm	29 8:00 am Mass
Thu		2	14 High School Visit Academy of Holy Cross and Archbishop Carroll	21	28 Staff Meeting 7:00 am
Wed	TooHDS	9	13 MAP Growth Testing Window Opens Back To School Night! 6:00 pm	20	27 Eighth Grade Parent Meeting 6:00 pm
Tue	11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	5 First Day of School — Full Day / Before and Aftercare Begins	12 High School Visit Georgetown, Visitation and Gonzaga College	61	26
Mon		4 Labor Day No School	11	18	25
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Important Dates

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SAINT AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOLLOWS DCPS FOR WEATHER CLOSURES School Year Calendar 2023-2024 (August 30, 2023)

	Mandatory Weekly 8:00 AM Mass		
Dates	Events		
Thursday, August 9-11	New Teacher Orientation		
Monday, August 21	ADW Opening School Mass 10:00 AM (Mandatory for All Staff)		
Thursday, August 24 -	Teacher Orientation and Professional Development		
Thursday, August 31			
Wednesday, August 30	Parent Orientation 5:00 PM (Cafeteria)		
Tuesday, September 5	First Day of School		
	Before Care and After Care Begins		
Friday, September 8	First School Mass		
	Summer Assignments Collected		
Wednesday, September 13	MAP Fall Baseline Testing Window Opens		
	Back to School Night/ State of the School (Mandatory for Staff)		
	Parent/Student Handbook Distribution		
Friday, September 15	Hispanic Heritage Month Begins		
Sunday, September 17	Blessings of Teachers and Staff of Saint Augustine Church		
	and School 10:00 AM Mass (Mandatory for Staff)		
Friday, September 22	Back to School BBQ 6:00 PM		
100	Sign Up For After School Activities (Mandatory for Staff)		
Wednesday, September 27	Eighth Grade Parent Meeting 6:00 PM		
Thursday, September 28	Staff Meeting 7:00 AM		
Friday, September 29	First Quarter Deficiency Notes Sent Home and Mailed		
Monday, October 2	First Home School Association Meeting 6:00 PM		
Friday, October 6	Professional Development for Staff		
	12:30 Dismissal Half Day for Students No Aftercare		
10.00	Last day for Aftercare Activity Sign Up		
Monday, October 9	No School for Students Columbus Day (Indigenous Peoples' Day)		
Tuesday, October 10	After School Activities Begins		
Wednesday, October 11	Eighth Grade Parent Meeting 6:00 PM		
Thursday, October 12	Staff Meeting 7:00 AM		
Friday, October 13	MAP Fall Baseline Testing Window Closes		
TBD	High School Placement Test Registration Window Opens		
Friday, October 20	No School for Students School Data Professional Development		
Friday, October 27	No School for Students School Data Professional Development No School for Students ADW Fall Collaboration Day		
Tuesday, October 31	Halloween Party 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM		
	First Quarter Ends		
Wednesday, November 1	No School for Students All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation		
Thursday, November 2 Second Quarter Begins			

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Thursday, Navorskay 2	School Canned Food Drive for The Little Sisters of the Poor Begins		
Thursday, November 2	Staff Meeting 7:00 AM		
Monday, November 6	Home School Association Meeting 6:00 PM		
Wednesday November 8	Individual Student Picture Day		
Friday, November 10			
	No Aftercare or Afterschool Activities		
	First Quarter Report Cards Parent		
	Teacher Conferences 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM		
Wednesday, November 15	Eighth Grade Parent Meeting 6:00 PM		
Thursday, November 16-	Saint Augustine Church Annual Food Distribution Cafeteria Closed		
Friday, November 17			
Friday, November 17	School Canned Food Drive for The Little Sisters of the Poor Ends		
Saturday, November 18	Saint Augustine Church Annual Food Distribution Saint Augustine Room		
Tuesday, November 21	School Thanksgiving Luncheon 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM		
	and the same of th		
Wednesday, November 22	Thanksgiving Break Begins		
	12:30 PM Dismissal		
	Half Day for Students No Aftercare or Afterschool Activities		
Sunday, November 26	First Week of Advent		
Monday, November 27	Classes Resume		
	Lighting of School Advent Wreath		
Wednesday November 29*	High School Placement Test		
Thursday, November 30	Staff Meeting 7:00 AM		
Friday, December 1	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		
Friday, December 8	No School Feast of the Immaculate Conception—		
	Holy Day of Obligation		
Sunday, December 10	Third Sunday of Advent		
Wednesday, December 13	Makeup Individual Student Picture Day		
Thursday, December 14	Breakfast and Pictures with Santa - Eighth Grade Fundraiser		
,	Parish Toy Drive (Cafeteria)		
Friday, December 15	Classroom Parties		
	No After Care/ Afterschool Activities Staff Holiday Gathering		
Sunday, December 17	Fourth Week of Advent		
Monday, December 18	Christmas Show 6:00 PM -8:00 PM - Refreshments Sold		
Tuesday, December 19	Christmas Break begins at Dismissal		
raesaay, December 19	12:30 PM Dismissal		
Monday January 8	Half Day for Students No Aftercare or Afterschool Activities		
Monday, January 8 School Resumes for Teachers – Staff Professional Development Tuesday, January 9 School Resumes for Students			
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	Christmas Assignments Callagted		
Monday, January 8	Christmas Assignments Collected Home School Association Martin Collected		
Wednesday, January 11	Home School Association Meeting 6:00 PM		
	Eighth Grade Parent Meeting 6:00 PM		
Friday, January 12	Second Quarter Ends		
Monday, January 15	No School Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		
	Third Quarter Begins Winter NWEA MAP Growth Assessment Window Opens		
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Staff Meeting 7:00 AM			
March for Life Middle School Students			
12:30 PM Dismissal Half Day for Students			
No Aftercare or After School Activities			
Second Quarter Report Cards Parent Teacher Conferences			
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM			
Catholic School Week Kick Off			
2024 Early Bird Registration Kick Off			
Catholic School Week Ends			
Home School Association Meeting 6:00 PM			
Third Quarter Deficiency Notes Sent Home and Mailed			
Eighth Grade Parent Meeting 6:00 PM			
Confirmation Retreat			
Class Picture Day			
Ash Wednesday Mass 8:00 AM			
Lent Begins			
Lenten Rice Bowl Project Begins			
Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM			
Winter NWEA MAP Growth Assessment Window Closes			
Faculty Retreat School Closed for Students			
First Sunday of Lent			
No School President's Day			
Black History Show			
Second Sunday of Lent			
Cap and Gown Picture Day for Kindergarten and Eighth Grade Students			
Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM			
Third Sunday of Lent			
Home School Association 6:00 PM			
Science Fair No Aftercare or Afterschool Activities			
No School for Students School Data Professional Development			
Fourth Sunday of Lent			
No School for Students ADW Spring Collaboration Day			
Eighth Grade Parent Meeting 6:00 PM			
Career Day			
Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM			
Early Bird Registration Ends			
Fifth Sunday of Lent			
Third Quarter 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			
Palm Sunday			
Fourth Quarter Begins			
Faith Knowledge Assessment (ARK) Window Opens			
12:30 PM Dismissal -Easter Vacation Begins			
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Monday, April 8	Classes Resume
TBD	Sixth Grade Vocation Mass National Shrine
TBD	Eighth Grade Day Out
Monday, April 8	Home School Association Meeting 6:00 PM
TBD	Confirmation Retreat
Monday, April 15	No School Emancipation Day
Tuesday, April 16	End of the Year MAP Growth Assessment Window Opens
Thursday, April 18	Middle School Retreat
Saturday April 27	First Penance
Friday, April 26 –	Art Show
Sunday, April 28	
Thursday, May 2	Staff Meeting 7:00 AM
Friday May 3	Fourth Quarter Deficiency Notes Sent Home and Mailed
Sunday May 5	First Holy Communion
Monday, May 6 –	Teacher Appreciation Week
Friday, May 10	
Monday, May 6	Final Home School Association Meeting 6:00 PM
Monday, May 6 -	Eighth Grade Finals and Make-Ups
Friday, May 17	*
Wednesday, May 8	National School Nurses' Day
Thursday, May 9	Last Eighth Grade Parent Meeting 6:00 PM
Monday, May 22 –	Sixth and Seventh Grade Finals
Wednesday, May 31	
Tuesday, May 21-	Eighth Grade Class Trip (Overnight)
Thursday, May 23	
Friday, May 24	12:30 PM Dismissal Half Day for Students
	No Aftercare or Afterschool Activities
TBD	Eighth Grade Confirmation
Monday, May 27	No School Memorial Day
Tuesday, June 4	Last Day for all Aftercare/Afterschool Activities
Thursday, June 6	End of the Year Awards Ceremony
Friday, June 7	Family Fun Day 9:00 AM
Sunday, June 9	Eighth Grade - Graduation and Baccalaureate
	Corpus Christi 10:00 AM
Tuesday, June 11	Kindergarten Graduation 10:00 AM
Wednesday, June 12	Last Day for Students
	12:30 PM Dismissal Half Day for Students
Monday, June 13-	End of Year Teacher's Meetings
Tuesday, June 18	
Tuesday, June 18	Last Day for Teachers
	(*Date will change if school year is extended)
June 19- Onward *	*Snow Make-Up Days – If Needed
Friday, June 28	Report Cards Are Mailed Home

SAINT AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOLLOWS DCPS FOR WEATHER CLOSURES

MAP GROWTH TEST SCHEDULE					
	WEEK 1				
Monday 9/18/23	Tuesday 9/19/23	Wednesday 9/20/23	Thursday 9/21/23	Friday 9/22/23	
8:30 –10:00 am Grade K READING	8:30 –10:00 am Grade 3 READING	8:30 –10:00 am Grade 1 READING	8:30 –10:00 am Grade K MATHEMATICS	8:00-9:30 am MASS	
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10:30 –12:00 am Grade 8 READING	10:30 –12:00 am Grade 5 READING	10:30 –12:00 am Grade 6 READING	10:30 – 12:00 am Grade 6 MATHEMATICS	10:00-11:30 am Grade 5 MATHEMATICS	
1:25 -2:55 pm Grade 4 READING	1:25 -2:55 pm Grade 7 READING	1:25-2:55 pm Grade 2 READING	1:25-2:55 pm Grade 3 MATHEMATICS	1:25-2:55 pm Grade 4 MATHEMATICS	

		WEEK 2		
Monday 9/25/23	Tuesday 9/26/23	Wednesday 9/27/23	Thursday 9/28/23	Friday 9/29/23
8:30 –10:00 am Grade 1 MATHEMATICS	8:30 –10:00 am Grade 2 MATHEMATICS	8:30 –10:00 am Grade 6 LANGUAGE ARTE	8:30 –10:00 am Grade 2 LANGUAGE ARTS	8:00-9:30 am MASS
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10:30 –12:00 am Grade 7 MATHEMATICS	10:30 –12:00 am Grade 8 LANGUAGE ARTS	10:30 –12:00 am Grade 3 LANGUAGE ARTS	10:30 – 12:00 am Grade 4 LANGUAGE ARTS	10:00-11:30 am Grade 5 SCIENCE
1:25 -2:55 pm Grade 8 MATHEMATICS	1:25 -2:55 pm Grade 7 LANGUAGE ARTS	1:25-2:55 pm Grade 5 LANGUAGE ARTS	1:25-2:55 pm Grade 3 SCIENCE	1:25-2:55 pm Grade 6 SCIENCES
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WEEK 3				
Monday 10/9/23	Tuesday 10/10/23	Wednesday 10/11/23	Thursday 10/12/23	Friday 10/13/23
HAPPY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY	8:30 –10:00 am Grade 4 SCIENCE	8:30 –10:00 am MAKE UP	8:30 –10:00 am MAKE UP	8:00-9:30 am MASS
HAPPY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY	10:30 –12:00 am SCIENCE 8	10:30 –12:00 am MAKE UP	10:30 –12:00 am MAKE UP	10:00-11:30 am TEST WINDOW CLOSES
HAPPY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY	1:25 -2:55 pm SCIENCE 7	1:25-2:55 pm MAKE UP	1:25-2:55 pm MAKE UP	1:25-2:55 pm TEST WINDOW CLOSES

Saint Augustine Catholic School Map Growth Test Schedule Fall 2023

