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Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi **Blessing of the Animals**

Fr. McSweeney and Fr. Figueroa joined us to talk to our PreK 3 and PreK 4 classes about the life of St. Francis and the significance behind the Blessing of the Animals.

Each class visited our School Chapel, bringing their special stuffies to hear the lesson and receive the blessing.

Throughout October, the children of St. Augustine School have been utilizing the School Chapel for praying the Rosary and engaging in their Religion lessons.



Ms. Pasquale
Peace & Blessings
to you!



Dear St. Augustine Families,
Peace and Blessings to you!

It's hard to believe we are already well into the fall season! The first weeks of school have been filled with energy, learning, and joy, and I want to take a moment to thank you for the warm welcome and support you've shown since I began my role as Principal in September.

From the first day of school to our recent events and gatherings, it had been a true gift to witness the spirit of St. Augustine in action--faith filled, family-centered, and committed to excellence. Whether I see you at drop-off, dismissal, school Mass, or our Home and School activities, I continue to be inspired by the strong sense of community that defines our school.

Our students have settled into routines, formed new friendships, and are growing academically, socially and spiritually each day. Our faculty and staff remain dedicated to fostering a safe, engaging, and Christ-centered environment where every child is encouraged to become the person God created them to be.

FAVORITE'S

Ms. Pasquale's Note

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As we move deeper into the school year, I remain committed to open communication and strong partnerships with our families.

- I welcome your emails at principal@staugustineschool.org with any questions, ideas, or concerns.
- You are always welcome to call the school office at 914-941-3849. I will get back to you with 24 hours if I am not immediately available.

There is much to look forward to in the months ahead, including our fall celebrations, service projects, and opportunities to gather as a faith community. Thank you for your continued trust, partnership, and prayers as we work together to make this school year a meaningful and joyful one for your children.

Wishing you and your family a beautiful and blessed fall season

In Christ's peace,

Ms. Michele Pasquale

October is the Month of the Rosary

New Rosaries were purchased and given to all our students from Kindergarten to 8th grade so that they would be able to pray the Rosary for the month of October as requested by Pope Leo XIV, with their families.



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Opening School Mass

by: Bianca Barros and Hailey McKenna

We couldn't be more thankful that we share the opportunity to experience attending St. Augustine's School together. We take it as a blessing every day to be a part of this community, and so far, the 2025-2026 school year is off to a fantastic start!

One of our favorite traditions at St. Augustine's, at the start of the school year, is when every grade comes together, as one community, to celebrate Mass. It is great to see all of the younger students taking an active part in Mass, and growing closer to God. Come November, we will be blessed with the Holy Spirit during Confirmation. This means that we will become adults of the Church, continuing to grow in our faith. Our time at St. Augustine School has prepared us for receiving this sacrament. One special way in which we took part in the preparation of Confirmation is when we, as an 8th grade class, joined the Capuchin priests for a Confirmation Retreat. Through participating in this spiritual retreat, we learned the true meaning of the sacrament of Confirmation.

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AP Math & Earth Science

by: Bianca Barros and Hailey McKenna



St. Augustine's School offers amazing academic opportunities to all their students. We have been honored to be invited to both A.P. Math, in 6th grade, and the selective Regents Science 8th grade class. These classes challenge us to think outside the box and push ourselves to our full potential. Even if you are not in any A.P. classes, St. Augustine's students still learn and excel. This would not be possible without the amazing teachers and staff. The people at St. Augustine School truly make it a welcoming place. Every morning, we are greeted with a kind smile and great start to the day.

Lastly, this start of the school year has us thinking about our futures, as we prepare for next week's TACHS exam!

From high school open houses to shadow days, we see the great opportunities that lie ahead. All of this is achievable because of the help and preparation that St. Augustine School provides. No matter how old we get, or how far apart we grow, St. Augustine's school will always be part of our family.

Go Eagles!



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Student Spotlight: Gustavo Caldeira 5th Grader

This year, I moved back from Portugal after being there for two years. I started at St Augustine School this year because I thought it was a nice school and people were very welcoming.

On the first day of school, I felt scared, anxious and nervous. I was scared of not having friends, but I got on the bus and drove to school. When I got there, I saw many people from my class. I didn't talk to anyone, but when I got to the classroom, I met my fantastic teachers Ms. Huvane and Mrs. Porpora. I started to talk to some other kids that were very nice.

What I really like about this school are the subjects. They are very fun. My favorite subject is social studies. In Portugal, we didn't have social studies. My school in Portugal ended at 5.00 p.m., so it is very different in that way. At St. Augustine's, it ends at 2:30 pm, which is a big difference. I also enjoy going to gym class twice a week. In Portugal, I had gym once a week and the classes were intense.

These are the reasons why I love being at St Augustine school.

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SAS WALKATHON 2025

October 2025

On a beautiful Friday in October, students and faculty participated in St. Augustine's annual fun-filled walk-a-thon to raise funds for the school. Students enjoyed walking with their classmates and teachers as they enjoyed the crisp, fresh air, and the warm, bright sunshine. This year, students and teachers received a stamp on a card, as they completed each lap. In the spirit of friendly competition, students received a prize for the most laps walked. There were many volunteers that helped make our walk-a-thon a special day for all. We could not have enjoyed this beautiful day without their efforts and support. We can't wait for the walk-a-thon next year!

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The St. Augustine Home & School Board would like to thank the many people, parents, volunteers who donated their time and items to make our Walkathon a huge success!

Donation from Pepsi arranged by the Johnson-Fields Family.
The Johnson-fields Family also donated drinks and snacks.

P&K Research donated bottled water arranged by the Tsao family.



Bananas, Apple Sauce and Fruit Snacks donated by the Berrutti Family.

Home & School Board provided snacks.



Fundraising Activities

Nov.-Dec. 14: **Wreath Sale** Click [Here](#) to shop!



Saturday, Dec. 6
Christmas Market 10am-4pm
click [here](#) for info



BAKE SALE at the Christmas Market!
click [HERE](#) for flyer with info!!

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Don't forget about our year-round fundraiser
with **MINTED 20% off use code:**
FUNDRAISESAS for all your holiday card and
invitation orders!



Scholastic Book Fair. December 6-Dec 11

Evening Shopping Night--Adults only--TBD
Online Shopping Dates TBD
More details to follow!!



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This year, 5th graders wrote a non-fiction article on how to create a Halloween Lantern, as a fall decoration.

Students created their fall luminaries in class, and then they wrote about it to inform readers how to make these creations at home.

Here is Juliet Barro's article, and her Halloween Luminary

Halloween Luminaries

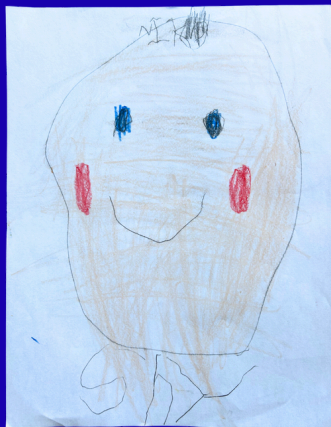
by Juliet Barro-- 5th Grade

Have you ever wondered how to make a spooky Halloween decoration in only a few steps? If you did then you're in luck! Let's learn how to make a fun Halloween decoration in only a few steps.

Before making this spooky decoration, you will need some materials. For this project, you will need a Mason Jar, orange tissue paper, wax paper, a sponge brush, scissors, a tea light, googly eyes (which are optional,) and Modge Podge.

To start, you will need to lay the wax paper down so you don't get messy. Then, you will need to cut the tissue paper into strips. Now, you take the cap off of your Mason Jar and turn it upside down. You do this so the lid doesn't stick to the Mason Jar. After that, you dip your brush into the Modge Podge and layer it on your Mason Jar. Now, put the strips on the Mason Jar, and don't forget to layer them equally! Next, you make a face or get your googly eyes and stick them on to your spooky creation using glue or Modge Podge. Finally, you let your decoration dry, and put the tea light inside of it. Congratulations, you just made a fun Halloween decoration!

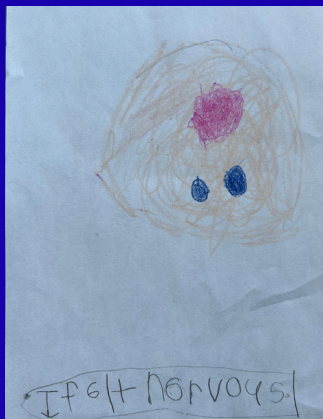
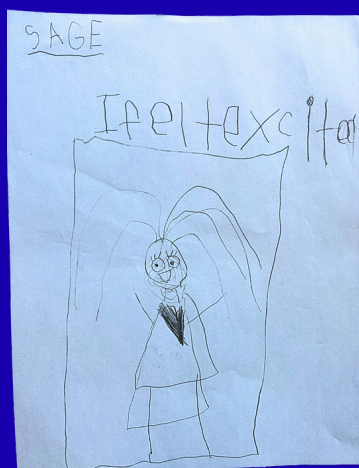
You can put your spooky decoration up every Halloween! Your lantern will always be a part of some Halloween fun!



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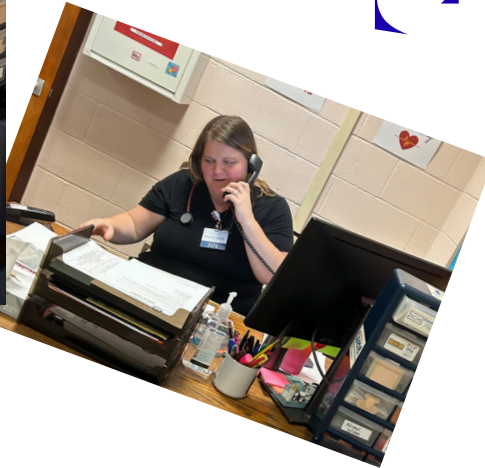
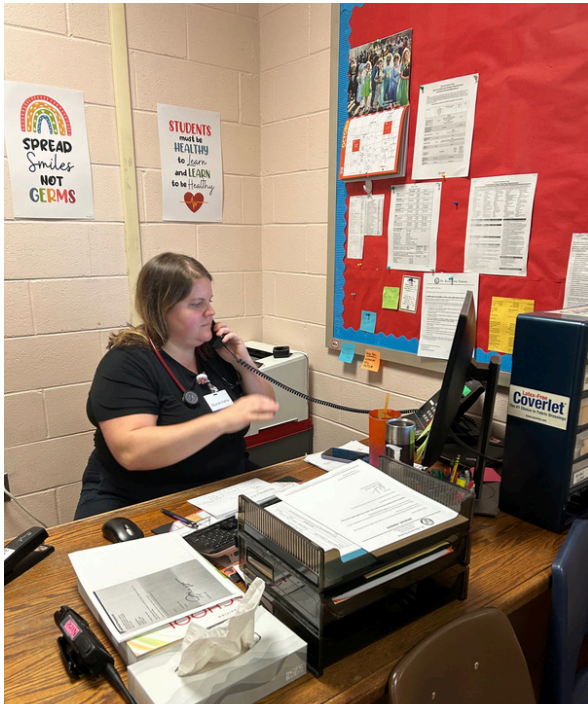


Kindergarten students illustrate their feelings about the first day of school.

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EXPRESSING EMOTIONS
THROUGH ART

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FLU SEASON BEST PRACTICES By NURSE KATIE

Katie Sansone, BSN, RN
School Nurse at St. Augustine School

As the weather begins to turn colder, and family gatherings and school recess begin to move inside, it is important to review how to stay healthy during “virus season”. Influenza, Covid and RSV continue to be the most common viruses that present in the colder winter months.

According to the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) website, flu season runs from October to May each year. During just one week of last season’s peak, there were a reported 50,000+ cases of the flu in our state. Many healthcare professionals estimate that this number was actually much higher due to the availability of home-testing kits, and those who managed symptoms at home without needing to go to a doctor’s office.

The single best way to prevent illness is to practice proper and frequent hand-washing: it really is that simple! (Selekman) Listed below are 10 more ways you and your family can help keep everyone healthy and attending school.

Cover your mouth with the inside of your elbow, or wash your hands immediately after sneezing or coughing into them.

- Avoid excess touching of the face.
- Avoid sharing food and drinks with friends.
- Prioritize sleep - and movement!
- Prioritize mental health. (Just trust me on this, it’s all connected.)
- Eat a balanced, healthy diet that contains whole foods whenever possible.
- Take in sunshine and fresh air for at least 30 minutes a day.
- Control a cough with plenty of liquids and humid air.

Stay home when you are sick. (Friendly reminder: In order to return-to-school, your child should be 24-hours fever-free WITHOUT medication, and generally feeling well enough to have a productive day at school.)

Vaccination to prevent severe illness, and to protect vulnerable populations.

**All About My
pumpkin In My Pocket**

By: MADDIE

My pumpkin's name is Violet

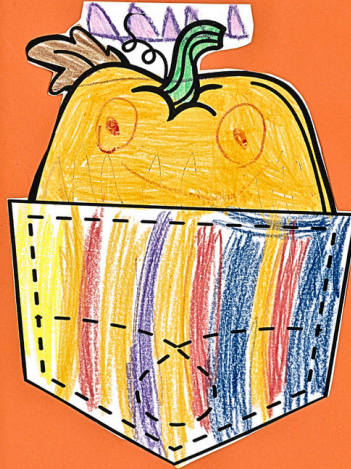
My pumpkin is a: Boy ☐ Girl ☒

My pumpkin is 1 years old.

My pumpkin's favorite color is purple

My pumpkin's favorite thing to do is Garden

My pumpkin wishes he/she could cook



**All About My
pumpkin In My Pocket**

By: CHARLIE

My pumpkin's name is Michael

My pumpkin is a: Boy ☒ Girl ☐

My pumpkin is 10 years old.

My pumpkin's favorite color is Red

My pumpkin's favorite thing to do is eat donuts!

My pumpkin wishes he/she could go ice skating!

My pumpkin feels angry!



**All About My
pumpkin In My Pocket**

By: JACKSON

My pumpkin's name is JACK

My pumpkin is a: Boy ☒ Girl ☐

My pumpkin is 10 years old.

My pumpkin's favorite color is Blue

My pumpkin's favorite thing to do is Watch TV

My pumpkin wishes he/she could put a tattoo

My pumpkin feels excited



ALL ABOUT MY PUMPKIN'S

A Pumpkin in My Pocket

Kindergarten Halloween Writing

This project was titled 'All About My Pumpkin in My Pocket'. The students were able to create their own pumpkin and then answered questions pertaining to their pumpkin.



St. Augustine's Junior High Fall Dance

By Keelin Wisniewski & Thomas Rick

On Friday, October 24th, we had our first junior high dance. We had a great time. When we arrived, there were a bunch of LED lights and balloons everywhere. There was a D.J. stand playing music and a table with lots of snacks and drinks on it. At first, all of the boys were on one side of the cafeteria, and the girls were on the other side. However, once the good music started, everyone got up and started dancing. We were a little nervous at first, because we had never been to a dance before. This all changed when the D.J. started to play, "Cotton-Eyed Joe." Everyone joined in to dance! Ms. Mannion, our social studies teacher, even stopped by to join in the fun. We would rate the junior high dance a ten out of ten, and we will definitely sign up for the next dance!

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TRICK OR TREAT



IF MY TEACHER TURNED INTO A WITCH...

She would say I am Miss. ~~witch~~
 She would love to do Halloween crafts.
 She would let the class watch a movie for snack.
 She would live in a beautiful home.
 She would smell like candy.
 She would eat stickers.



IF MY TEACHER TURNED INTO A WITCH...

She would smell like soggy socks
 She would eat black pasta.
 She would live in a Haunted House
 She would let the class do potions
 She would love to do really hard homework.
 She would say solve $2000 \div 1000$
 Angelina



IF MY TEACHER TURNED INTO A WITCH...

she would say I like worms
 She would smell like rotten milk and fishbrink
 She would eat worms. she would live in a basement
 she would let the class eat worms together
 she would love to eat the little kids.

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St. Augustine School Student of the Month

The Student of the Month program, initiated by Ms. Pasquale, recognizes one outstanding student from each class, Kindergarten through 8th grade, each month. Selected students must demonstrate excellence in academic performance, social engagement, and spiritual development. Honorees receive a certificate, have their group photo taken, and are granted special privileges during their designated month. Their photo is posted to our new Student of the Month page on our school website. All the details of the program along with the Students names can be found there.

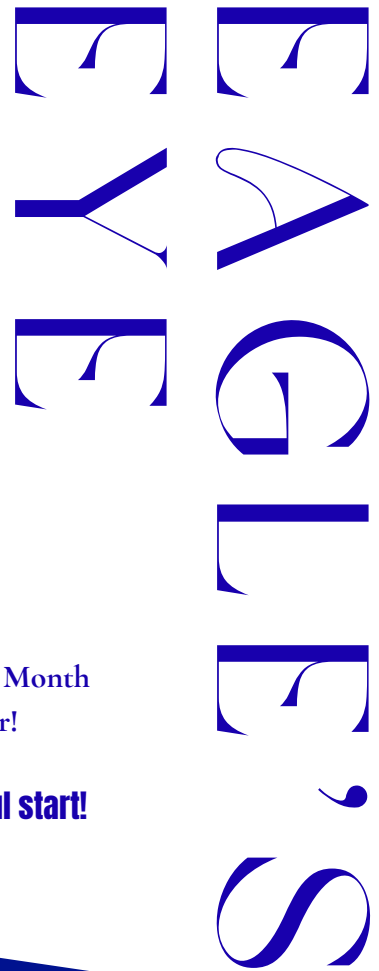
. Congratulations to the Students of the Month
for September and October!

The year is off to a wonderful start!

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September





OFD visits SAS

The annual assembly on Fire Safety brought OFD to our campus this fall. The firemen, some graduates of our school, love to educate the children about how to stay safe, use a fire extinguisher and Stop Drop & Roll.

They bring their trucks and equipment and of course SPARKY!



SPARKY





HAPPY HALLOWEEN

