



ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL

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MS. MICHELE PASQUALE, PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Augustine Families,

Earlier this summer, I shared a letter with you about the importance of family involvement and our plans for a Family Volunteer Commitment beginning with the 2026–2027 school year. As promised, I am following up with the survey that will help us organize this effort.

As I shared in my previous letter, St. Augustine is a parish school built on faith, community, and shared responsibility. With more than 300 families in our school community, we have an incredible opportunity to share the responsibility of supporting our students and school.

Over the past year, we saw firsthand what our families can accomplish together. Your support helped us replace critical cafeteria kitchen equipment, repair air-conditioning units, support student activities, and provide special opportunities and appreciation for our faculty and students. These efforts directly benefit our children and our school.

At the same time, we recognized that many of our events and initiatives continued to rely on the same group of families volunteering again and again. Their dedication is extraordinary, but this is not a sustainable model for our school or parish.

Beginning this school year, each St. Augustine family is expected to identify a way to contribute through a designated volunteer service commitment and/or a financial contribution toward our fundraising efforts. The purpose of this expectation is not to place an undue burden on families, but to ensure that the responsibility of supporting our school is shared more equitably across our community.

The survey below is designed to help us understand where you would be willing and able to help. There are many different ways to contribute, and we recognize that families have different schedules, interests, talents, and availability.



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Please take a few minutes to complete the survey:

Family Volunteer Commitment Form

Every family is expected to complete the survey and identify a way to participate. Please consider where your family can best contribute and choose an opportunity that works for you. We will use the information collected to organize volunteer opportunities and communicate with families throughout the year.

Our goal is simple: more families sharing the responsibility means less pressure on the small group of families who have traditionally carried so much of the work.

Thank you to those who have already given so generously of your time, talents, and resources. And thank you in advance to all our families for embracing this effort and helping us continue to build a strong, supportive St. Augustine community.

Together, we can make a meaningful difference for our students and ensure that St. Augustine continues to thrive.

Sincerely,

Ms. Michele Pasquale
Principal