

# THE AUGUSTINE ARROW NEWSLETTER

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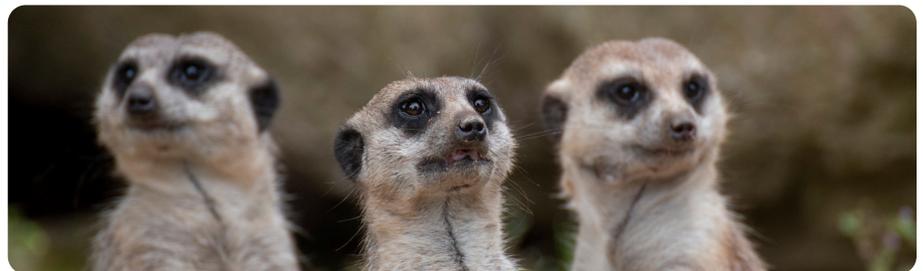
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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ✳️ **PFA Meeting**  
October 13 @ Ayda's  
Come join us in conversations to work together to continue to improve the experience for our students!
- ✳️ **No 3-5 Mass!**  
October 15  
Due to Father Bennett's vacation we will not have Wednesday mass on 10/15.
- ✳️ **K-5 Mass**  
October 17, 2025  
We will have Father Klemme visiting and offering our Friday all school mass for us! Mass will be at 8:15 am CT, unless there is a delay in which case it would be moved to 10:15 am CT. I encourage you to come to mass with us, and worship the Lord with our students!
- ✳️ **Parent Teacher Conference**  
October 21-22  
Communications went home about scheduled times for Parent Teacher Conferences. Please see this from your students' teachers, and communicate with them directly about any scheduling conflicts.
- ✳️ **Fall Break!**  
October 24 and 27  
No School! Enjoy time with your family to relax, reconnect, and recharge!
- ✳️ **BrightWheel ONLY**  
October 28  
We will NO LONGER be using Remind as of October 28. Make sure you have access to the app so that teachers and the school can communicate with you. Billing will also be moved to BrightWheel!



## Hello BrightWheel, Goodbye Remind!

Starting on October 28<sup>th</sup> Saint Augustine will no longer be using the Remind App. Therefore it is **IMPERATIVE** that **ALL** parents add and update their family information in BrightWheel! With this software we will be better able to communicate with all families more efficiently. In addition to communication, we will also be utilizing BrightWheel as our billing platform. This system allows you to choose how you would like to pay for your kiddos' needs. You can use ACH withdraws, debit card, or credit card, you are also able to divide the payments between different parties if that is something that would benefit your family.

Change is never easy, trust me I understand that. But this software will not only ensure better communication between the school and families, it also increases student safety. We will be using BrightWheel for our extended care program, in order to sign your student(s) out of extended care parents will be required to enter a personalized code, this will log the person who picked up the student as well as the exact time the student was picked up. Families have the option to add multiple individuals to their student's profile and each individual will have a different code to ensure that we know and can document who is picking up the student. Currently we use a paper system where parents are required to sign, but BrightWheel ensures that the data is secure and able to be accessed in multiple

locations if necessary. This also ensures our extended care team and the parents can communicate with one another in the event of parents running late, a change in pick up person, etc.

I want to emphasize once again, everything that I do here at Saint Augustine is with our students' safety in mind. With each and every decision that comes across my desk, or my email, I am constantly questioning how it may affect the safety and well being of our students. Student safety is not something that I have ever, nor will I ever, take lightly. As a parent I understand the thoughts and worries you may have, because I know that I constantly have them circling through my brain wondering if my kids are safe when I am not by their side. I not only have those thoughts about my own two children that are in the building, but about all of your children too!

**TRUNK  
or  
TREAT**

**OCTOBER 31, 2025 | 5-6:30PM CT  
ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH & SCHOOL**

Contact Marie Oliver if you would like to be a "trunk" or donate candy! Outdoor or indoor options available!

## Raise Right

We will be ordering physical gift cards on **October 14!** If you need something sooner, please reach out to the office, and we will try to help!

Remember 100% of what you earn is applied to your tuition. Each family has a set pledge for raising funds through the Raise Right app, this total was deducted from your tuition prior to the calculation of your monthly/ semesterly/ yearly bill. If you do not reach your pledge, you will receive a bill for the difference in April.

## All Saint's Day Meets All Hallow's Eve!

We will be celebrating All Saint's Day together on October 31, since November 1 is a Saturday. Teachers have already assigned the students a saint to do research on, please start to think about how to dress your student up to represent their assigned saint. There are so many options when it comes to this, and I encourage you to take to Pinterest if you need some inspiration!

We will attend mass together that morning, with the students dressed up as their saints, and then we will move to the gym to hear the students present. Our kindergarten through second grade students will be presenting to the school (as well as any of our parents and families that come). The classroom teachers will provide more guidance on what the kiddos should prepare. Our third through fifth grade students will prepare table top presentations on a half trifold poster board to then present to student and family groups as they walk around. We are all very excited about this, I hope you will be able to join us to see all the kids' hard work come together.

In the afternoon of October 31 we will come together as a school to celebrate All Hallow's Eve. We will be partaking in fun activities, yummy treats, and overall warm fellowship with our Saint Augustine family. More information on this will be coming soon!

If you are interested in helping coordinate, set up, or clean up from the festivities, please let Mrs. Allison or Mrs. Dobson know!

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### Raise Right Link

Here is the link to our Raise Right community. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. Allison, or come to the "Raise Right Boot Camp" on 9/18/2025 to get more information!

## Upcoming Important Dates

Here are a few dates to keep in mind and on your refrigerator/ in your calendar. More information about each will come out closer to the event dates!

- October 21 & 22: Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 24-27: FALL BREAK, so school!
- October 30: Community Trunk or Treat at RCHS parking lot, come and find Mrs. Allison's van for something sweet!
- October 31: All Saint's Day Votive Mass and All Saint's Presentation, and All Hallow's Eve celebration
- October 31: Trunk or Treat at Saint Augustine
- November 5: All Souls' Mass at Mt Calvary (Grades 2-5)
- November 11: Veteran's Day Program

## Emergency Kit Items

We are still looking for the following item for our emergency kits:

- 6 five gallon buckets with lids
- 10 non-transparent shower curtains
- 9 rolls of duct tape
- 10 rolls of paper towels
- 4 clipboards
- 6 battery powered flashlights
- 7 packages of baby wipes
- 10 boxes of large Nitrile gloves
- 9 bags of dum dum suckers
- 9 bags of jolly ranchers

## Faith in Action Challenge

About a month ago I told you all about a book that I had recently read called Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World. I love this book, and I have had a few of you reach out and ask where to find this book. Over the weekend I read the book Love Your Kids Without Losing Yourself, and I believe that this book had so many plug-ins to my life as an ever busy working mom! At times I was questioning if the author was reading events from my own life events, because her experiences were so similar to mine! I have heard from several parents since I started here, nearly three months ago, that they always feel guilty for something when it comes to their kids. Same here! No matter what I choose with my own kids I worry that it is never enough, especially being in a career field where the majority of my mental energy is gone by the time I get home to them in the evening. In the book, the author writes, "Moms with full-time jobs today spend as much time with their kids as stay-at-home moms did in the 1970's." That was a huge eye opener for me! She also said a few other things that I felt some of you may be yearning to hear, and so I am choosing to share them as well! "Having needs does not make you needy" was another big one for me!

This week's challenge comes from the following excerpt from the above mentioned book, "We cannot parent our kids with intention and care while abandoning ourselves for the cause. To truly care well for our kids, we must care well for ourselves." How many times have I tried pouring from an empty cup and gotten nowhere? Too many! Why do we as parents keep trying to do everything and be everything for everyone else, but when it comes time for our own needs we feel guilty in the small things, such as trying to take a shower without a toddler. You deserve to have as much love and help and compassion poured into you, as you are pouring into others! I want to let you all know that if you are feeling guilty about having frozen pizza for dinner for the second time this week, that your kids are RAVING about it here! I know this because I have had the incredible pleasure to be standing behind my own daughter as she was bragging to another first grader that she got to have frozen chicken nuggets again and they had to eat spaghetti! Our kids do not see the world through the same eyes as we do, and oh how lucky we are for that!

This week, I challenge you to try and see things through the eyes of our kids. Before you are quick to be hard on yourself, take a breath and ask how they may see this. I also challenge you to remember we all have a Heavenly Father who is watching us all and loving us all as we are His children. How many times have we done something that has gone against Him? For me, that is a big number! But He continues to love me and reach out His hand to hold mine. This week, try to find those moments where you can reconnect with yourself, your spouse, your kids, and our God. Remember, you have so many people in your corner!

