

# THE AUGUSTINE ARROW NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ✳️ **Parent Teacher Conference**  
October 21 & 22  
You have received your scheduled conference time from your kiddos' teachers. Be sure that time works for you, if not let the teacher know!
- ✳️ **3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade mass**  
October 22 @ 12 pm  
If you are able, consider attending mass with our "big kids". Please come and pray with us, we would love to have you!
- ✳️ **Fall Break!**  
October 24 and 27  
No School! Enjoy time with your family to relax, reconnect, and recharge!
- ✳️ **Saturday Afternoon Mass**  
October 25 @ 4:30 pm  
Father Klemme will be offering mass at 4:30 pm at Saint Augustine Catholic Church with confessions to follow.
- ✳️ **Sunday Morning Mass**  
October 26 @ 10 am  
Father Bennett will be offering mass at 10 am. Come and sit with Mrs. Allison to send up our prayers and ask for the Lord to come into our lives more. Confessions will be available after.
- ✳️ **Knights of Columbus Breakfast**  
October 26  
End of the month breakfast at the K of C hall. Free will donation to have a yummy breakfast that you do not have to make or do dishes after!
- ✳️ **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!



## Rest is a Necessity, NOT a Privilege

When I was young, about six, my parents divorced. This isn't something that makes me unique by any means, but something that did make my situation different from my peers whose parents divorced in the years that followed was my dad was the single parent that took care of us kids. My dad did everything, he worked full time as a paramedic, part time as a police officer, and was on the volunteer fire department. He was also worked as a mechanic for a trucking company during his off days. Not only did he work to support us, but he took care of the house chores, taught me how to hem pants and change the oil in a car. I learned so much by watching him, not only how to do things but also how to treat people with respect, and to always show up for my neighbors even if they don't show up for me in return.

With all of that being said, one thing that I did not learn from him, and I still struggle with daily now, is how to rest. My dad never stopped, and he still doesn't. We never observed a full day for the sabbath, especially if it was deer hunting or piglet birthing season. Looking back on my teen and young adult years I was the very same, and it's kind of comical how for the longest time I thought it was something to brag about.

Now that I am older and a tad bit wiser than I was before, I can see the error in that train of thought that I have utilized, and sometimes still find myself following. When we do not prioritize our health (physical, spiritual, and mental), we are not only hurting ourselves,

but our kids too. We must remember that they are watching us, just like we watched our parents. For some that may have been a really great thing to see and model your parenting style after; for others this gave us a playbook of things not to do. Breaking generational curses isn't easy, it takes so much energy and constant consideration for how/ what you are doing.

If you've ever had conversations with me, you know that one way I try and alleviate stress or introduce a comic relief is to make jokes. Well one thing that I say a lot in a joking manner is "All kids will have trauma, I'm just hoping my kids' trauma is seeing me naked one too many times." While this is definitely something that I laugh about, it is the truth, and it is exhausting. If you are also in this season in life I want you to know that I see you. I hear your cries and pleas with God to help you be better for those babies. I feel your guilt when you are too tired to do much more than microwave some Chef Boyardee for dinner.

I see you, and I am telling you it will get better! The way we make it better is trusting Him enough to rest, and trusting others enough to help when they offer. Some days I have to constantly remind myself that Jesus had to take time to step away from the chaos and pray; I also have to remind myself a lot that not even He did it all alone, he had twelve apostles to help him. We cannot nurture what God has planted in our children, if we never stop to water our own roots first. Trust in Him. Grow in Him. If you do those two things, I promise the rest will fall into place.

## Raise Right

We will be ordering physical gift cards on **November 11!** If you need something sooner, please reach out to the office, and we will try to help! We have several cards in the office, especially for local places such as Strack and Van Til, Walmart, etc. If you would like to order one of these, please let us know and we can get them to you ASAP! 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 make lunch, set up, or clean up from the festivities, please let Mrs. Allison or Mrs. Dobson know! I will send a Sign Up in Brightwheel for lunch and supplies!



### 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 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 (**ONLY Grades 2-5**)
- November 11: Veteran's Day Program

## Changes in After School Plans

If you have changes in your students' after school plans, please remember to contact the office. You can do this through Brightwheel, by calling us (219 866 5480), or by emailing Mrs. Dobson and your child's teacher.

Other than in an emergency, please communicate any changes in your kids' normal after school plans by 11 am. This helps us to effectively communicate all of the changes to the right people. There are times that we have to inform the public school about transportation changes, so by letting us know early we are better able to work through all of these steps to ensure student safety.

## Daddy Daughter Dance Cancelled

Unfortunately we will be canceling the Daddy Daughter Dance that was scheduled for November 7. With all of the other events, trainings, and activities that are going on, we did not have the support in place to make this event a success.

## Talent Show Postponed

The Talent Show that was previously scheduled for November 25 is being postponed until Catholic Schools Week in January. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the event!

## Faith in Action Challenge

As a Catholic mom who loves going to mass, I can honestly say that I can be such a hypocrite when it comes to how I handle my own children's behavior during mass. For context, I was raised in a very strict household where children were to be seen and not heard, especially out in public. I cannot tell you the amount of times I was pinched during mass for making too much noise as a kid. I sometimes find myself falling into this mindset with my own kids; not pinching them, but getting really anxious when they're making noise.

When I am in mass, with or without my own kids, I smile when I hear other kids! I smile when I hear the babies crying, I smile when I hear the toddlers jabbering and their older siblings comforting them. But boy oh boy when it's my kids I am looking all around waiting for the townspeople with pitchforks to come for me. Why is that? My honest beliefs is that the kids are right where they belong when they are in mass. There are times that the cry of a baby is more so what some people need to hear compared to the priest's homily.

My husband hates taking our three year old out to eat, because he acts like a normal three year old. Sometimes he gets a little restless and needs to move around, sometimes he gets a little frustrated and cries because something isn't right, and sometimes he is uncomfortable because we are in an unknown place. I have tried to explain to him multiple times, that if we never take our son out to eat, then he will never know how to behave when we do go out to eat. The same can be said for church. If you are waiting for your kids to get a little older so they will "know how to act", you are missing out on so many opportunities to help teach them how to participate in mass.

Bring them to mass. Bring your beautiful wonderful children to mass. Bring them often. If you need someone to sit beside and help you wrangle kids, sit by me! I would truly love that! Even if you are not fully Catholic, come to mass and bring the kids. Let Him show you that you have another large support system that is always backing you. This week I challenge you to get your family to church, and to participate in the mass with your kiddos. If you aren't entirely sure what to do and when, no worries! Sometimes I forget what to do too!

