

From the Office...

October 13, 2016

Dear Parents,

I hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend. As you will see, we have so much to be thankful for here at St. Augustine's.

School Mass – Thank you to Mrs. Vales and the Grade Six class for hosting our school Mass yesterday. A reminder that all family members are more than welcome to come to our school Masses, which are usually held the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30am. Specific dates are listed on your yearly calendar as well as your monthly calendars.

New Kindergarten Parent Meeting – last night was a lovely social gathering for our newest families to connect. Thank you to all those who were able to attend.

Walkathon – Thank you to all those who helped volunteer to make this a great event. Parent Participation hours will be put up on the portal in the next week or so. Thank you, also, to all those who have sent in donations. As you know, our goal for this year is \$190 per family for a GRAND TOTAL of \$40,000. To date we are only at \$13,000 which is far off what we will need to create an improved outdoor space for the children. Please keep canvassing for pledges, especially if you haven't hit the \$190/family target. If you have handed in your pledge sheet and would like another please come to the Office. Top 3 Class Totals as of October 13 are: Third place – Grade 4; Second place – Grade 6; First place – Grade K-Siy

Individual Picture Day – Tuesday, October 18th is picture day at St. Augustine's. Please make sure that all children wear FULL WINTER uniforms including sweaters (no skorts or shorts until Spring.) If hair adornments are needed, they should be modest and in school colours.

Donor Appreciation Evening – all those who contributed to the Capital Campaign last year are invited to a donor appreciation evening on Thursday, October 20th from 7-9 in the Parish Centre. Please RSVP by October 14 – 604-736-4455 ext. 231 or email: donate@faithandfoundation.com

Extra-curricular Update

Cross Country - Congratulations and thank you to all those who attended the Cross Country Meet last Wednesday. From all accounts it was a great event – fast races, fun with friends, and fantastic weather. Overall St. Augustine's placed 10th which is one of our best showings ever. **Running Club continues** until October 24th.

Volleyball - the volleyball season is well underway with all teams improving each week. Parents are welcome to bring their children to support us at our home games.

Chess – Chess club started this week. Thank you to our 2 new Kindergarten parent volunteers for stepping up and helping us to run this program again this year.

Band – both the Jr. and Senior Bands are coming together well. Thank you to all the volunteers who give time each week to help our students improve their musical instrument skills.

Choir - a reminder that the Choir will be singing at the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, October 30 as part of our Capital Campaign. Please ensure students wear their uniform.

Halloween Penny Carnival - Thank you to those who have responded to Mrs. Moffat's request for volunteers. More information regarding the Carnival will be sent closer to the date. We still would very much appreciate donations of used (but in good condition) books and toys for prizes.

Kindergarten 2017-2018 Parent Meeting - There will be an information meeting on Wednesday, October 19th 2017 at 7:00pm, in the School Learning Commons for parents of prospective Kindergarten students who are participating members of St. Augustine's Parish.

Parents who already have a student attending St. Augustine School and have another child coming to Kindergarten in 2017 are not required to attend this meeting, but please notify the Office of the name of your 2017 Kindergarten student. Thank you.

Soccer Dads - On Wednesday nights, a group of St Augustine's School dads play soccer in the gym starting at 8 pm. Skill levels are varied but that doesn't matter as the emphasis is on everyone getting some exercise and having an enjoyable time. Come and join a tradition that has been going on for over 15 years.

If any dads want to join us, please contact Kevin Soulsbury at soulsbury@icloud.com for more details.

From Our Parish

Harvest Dinner

October 22

6:30pm

Parish Hall

Adults - \$15; Children - 5-10 yrs- \$5.00

Stay dry this weekend or enjoy jumping in the puddles!

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