

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 18, 2013

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of St. Augustine School:



The final full week of school is often a “looking back” time for us, and it’s most appropriate that this NEWSLETTER begins with acknowledging an abundance of blessings. From beginning to end, our community has lived this year to the fullest: families, staff and students have worked, prayed and played together with joy, enthusiasm and a contagious sense of purpose. What we were able to accomplish was because of everyone’s commitment. We can be grateful for this school year, and celebrate with a genuine sense of fulfillment for a “job well done”.

Thank you to everyone – to each family for choosing St. Augustine’s; to the staff of the school for their amazing dedication to our children; to the Parish community for faithfully praying for us and financially supporting our Faith and Foundation Campaign; and to our students for all that they did to make this year so successful.

We say “goodbye” to our Grade 7 students as they have their Farewell Day on Friday, June 21. Activities that celebrate their time with us will include: an assembly at 10:30, lunch hosted by the school, and their closing Mass (7:00 PM), followed by a reception hosted by the Grade 5 parents. In every way, we will miss these fine young men and young woman as they have grown up to be such good, faith-filled and service driven group of young

people. We know that because they are so good, that much will be asked of them in life ~ and they move forward into High School with excitement, hope and confidence.

We also say goodbye to any other families who will be leaving our school; please know that we are very grateful for your family’s presence in our community, and we wish each family God’s blessings in the future.

The end of this school year also brings with it the celebration of two wonderful women that have been devoted to our school for many combined years. Mrs. Fourchalk is “retiring” for the second time from St. Augustine’s; we have been most grateful for her significant years of service to our School. We know that she and her husband will continue to enjoy the many blessings that come with time with family and the freedom from schedules... thank you Madeline for your faithfulness to us and may God continue to bless you with good health and happiness. Mrs. Pat Stout came to our school first as a parent to their son, Jamie, a number of years ago. After volunteering in our library for a couple of years, (rooted in Pat’s love of literature and all things related to language), we have had the absolute privilege of her expertise and commitment to ensure that all children succeed for many years. Her wisdom and peaceful presence will be missed ~ and Pat is eagerly looking forward to time with family, the opportunity to volunteer in the Library again, and have the chance to be with friends and family.

We are so grateful for the goodness of the people that serve our school, and offer our prayers, love and thanksgiving to these fine women for their devotion to Catholic Education and our School.

This June NEWSLETTER always shares with you our staffing plans for the upcoming year. We are so happy that the teaching staff will all be returning to St. Augustine's, and announce assignment changes for four teachers. I am thankful for the gift of such an amazing teaching team, and am confident that with each teacher's skills, experiences and continued commitment to our school, that we will have another outstanding years here at St. Augustine's.

Classroom and Specialists' Teaching Roles:

Mrs. Moffat, Kindergarten

Miss Kwok, Grade 1

Mrs. Chau, Grade 2/3

Mrs. Yule, Grade 2/3

Mrs. McFaul, Grade 4

Ms (Kinsella) Powers, Grade 5

Mrs. Vales, Grade 6

Miss O'Hara, Grade 7

Mrs. Bourassa, French

Mrs. Kozak, PE

Mr. Arntzen, Music

Learning Assistance Team:

Mrs. Beggs, Intermediate LAC Mrs. Kozak, Primary LAC

Mr. Schaufele, School Psychologist – Monday's only

Educational Assistants:

Catherine O'Sullivan, Cheryl Bastone, Khristine Siy, Dale Hannebauer, Mary Seres, Helena Templeman, Sarah Bryne, Lynette Vetro

Office Administrative Support:

Mrs. Luttrell (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Mrs. Battiston (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday)

Vice Principal: Mrs. Anna Yule

A reminder about the coming days of school

Friday Grade 7 Farewell Day

Monday School clean up day – preparing for the summer

Tuesday Beach Morning – we are dismissing at noon on this day from school

Wednesday Final School Mass, hosted by Kindys, {School Uniforms for Closing Mass}, distribution of report cards, Family's depart for summer! (11:00 AM dismissal)

In a bulletin sent out May 28, we announced changes to our school day to accommodate construction in the upcoming school year and the potential need to be away from school. I have attached a copy of that announcement in case you missed it the first time – the changes will give us more instructional hours each week, an actual increase of 2 hours and 10 minutes/week.



Many families are asking about construction details, and we appreciate your anticipation and desire for specific news/dates. As they are made available to us – whenever that occurs – know that we will communicate that to all families over the summer via email and certainly through the Parish. We are so aware that such a construction project naturally raises a host of questions: know we are doing all we can to move forward and provide our Parish and School community with much-desired information. This will include

traffic safety plans, pick up plans and changes to cross walk supervision on 8th and 7th Avenues. Please note: We were advised by our Building Committee NOT to remove the playground equipment at this time, to ensure safety of our property until the construction team provides proper and secure fencing, etc. At this time, there is only one parent who has expressed interest in taking a piece of playground equipment – if I have missed someone, please let me know prior to the last day of school. Thank you.

There will be additional opportunities for Parent Participation in the coming school year – Please watch our bulletins, postings of NEWSLETTERS or short notices over the summer if you are seeking such opportunities.

Remember, wherever your plans take you over the summer, find ways to include prayer and Sunday Mass in your family plans. When we teach the children that Faith does not stop, that there are Churches all over for us to participate in, then we continue by example to show the children what “practicing” our Faith is about.

Also, please keep us in your prayers over the summer, and we look forward with excitement to seeing everyone back at school in September... our first day of school we will dismiss at 11:30 am.

With great fondness and prayer,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Quernadt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Principal