

February 2008

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Morning Kindergarten -9:05 a.m.- 11:35 a.m.

Afternoon Kindergarten -1:05 p.m.-3:35 p.m.

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Recesses are at 10:20, 12:10 and 2:05 p.m.

“Who is My Neighbour?”

Congratulations! On January 15, Mr. Bottiglia personally presented beautiful service pins from the Ottawa Catholic School Board to several staff members . Congratulations to Mrs. Munro for 15 years, Mrs. Donnelly and Mrs. Lima for 20 years , and Mrs. O'Farrell for 30 years of exemplary service to the Board.

Our Literacy Evening with Board consultant Colleen MacDonald was a great success. Many parents of primary students attended and Mrs. MacDonald gave everyone many great tips to enrich early reading experiences for their children. Thank you to Mrs. Pugliese for providing child care in the library so that more parents could attend. Thank you as well to the Parent Council for providing the treats!

Several of our teachers attended the Math Summit on Sat. Jan. 26th. It was an excellent day for all.

Our girls and boys Team Handball Teams were extraordinary at the Oz Dome. Both teams were undefeated! Thank you to Mrs. Lacelle, Mrs. Moore and Mr. Vispo for all of their work at coaching our athletes.

As part of our Arts Incentive project, the Rathskallions from MASC gave all of our students an excellent workshop which incorporated song, movement and lessons about varied musical instruments.

Our junior students visited the Photo Gallery and were exemplary participants. Congratulations girls and boys. You make us so proud !

Congratulations to all staff members. We were one of a handful of school staffs with 100% participation in the United Way Campaign. What an amazing example for our students!

St. Augustine's #1 rule

“We treat others with respect at all times.”

Our school vision

â€œEvery child- a readerâ€

PARENT COUNCIL

Our next parent council meeting is scheduled for Monday February 4 at 7:00 in the library. All parents are most welcome to attend!

PIZZA DAYS

Our February pizza days will be held on Friday the 15th and Friday the 29th. The 2nd pizza day has proven to be a great success. Funds will be going directly toward the purchase of a computer and software for the school yearbook club.

DIRECTORâ€™S CONFERENCE

Your Parent Council will be well represented at the annual conference being held this year at St. Patrickâ€™s High School on Wednesday February 27th.

FRENCH PROGRAM EVENING FOR GRADE THREE PARENTS- 6:30 Feb 5th in the gym

Please join us for an overview of the French options, extended and immersion, available for your children as they move on to grade four.

100th DAY OF SCHOOL!

Hooray! Feb 11th is the 100th day of this school year. Primary children will have special math activities!

GUEST SPEAKER AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH!

You donâ€™t want to miss this one! On Saturday, March 29th, from 8:30-10:00, St. Augustine church is hosting its 2nd Womenâ€™s Breakfast. Tickets are available at school and at the church for \$10. Please see the flyer posted at school and at the church.

SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS!

St. Monicaâ€™s parent council is extending a special invitation to all of our parents interested in attending a workshop entitled â€œA Parentâ€™s Guide to Child Safety on the Internetâ€. It will be held at St. Monica school on Thursday, Feb 21st at 7:00. Please rsvp at 613-226-5174 so that they can establish numbers for refreshments.

FAMILY DAY MONDAY FEB. 18

All schools are closed. Enjoy the day!

P.D. DAY FRIDAY FEB. 22

There will be no school for students on that day.

BOARD MUSICAL-ANNE of GREEN GABLES

Our students will be performing in the Board musical Anne of Green Gables at St. Paul high school on Feb. 21st. Tickets are on sale now at our front office.

ANNUAL SKI DAY FOR JUNIORS

On Wednesday, February 27, all of our junior students will enjoy a wonderful ski adventure at Vorlage. Notes to follow.

SKATING AT THE PARK

Classes will be enjoying skating at our neighbourhood rink. Please remember that all children must wear helmets in order to be allowed to participate. Teachers will inform you of your child's skating dates. Please return permission forms.

KINDERGARTEN REPORT CARDS

Report cards for all junior and senior kindergarten children will go home on February 15th. Teachers will contact you if they wish an interview.

LENT IS HERE

Please note that our Ash Wednesday liturgy will be held in the school gym on Wednesday February 6 at 1:10. (*note time change) All parents are cordially invited to attend.

OUR LENTEN PROJECT

This year as our Lenten project, we will be raising money to provide clean water to children in Africa. It is called the OK Clean Water project. Representatives will be here on Feb. 7th to provide an overview to the children complete with video footage of the area and plans.

FATHER SIOK IS ON THE MEND

We continue to keep Father Siok in our prayers as he recuperates from surgery. The children have made many wonderful cards for him. Please feel free to send cards and well wishes to the school and we will be most happy to deliver them.

GRADE TWO RECONCILIATION

Our grade two students receive their First Reconciliation on Feb. 28th at 7:00 at the church. We wish them God's blessing in their sacramental journey.

CAT3 SCORES

Congratulations to our grade five students! They did an excellent job in their CAT3 testing, exceeding Canadian standards in almost all categories. Bravo!

WE ARE A TEAM AT BROADWAY'S

Do continue to give our school name when you go to Broadway's. They are keeping a running tab for us.

ADOPT A SCHOOL PROGRAM

Meadowlands Pub continues to provide us with Ottawa 67's tickets for many home games. Their support and encouragement is remarkable.

ACTIVE SCHOOLS

We have just received word that our school has reached a new Active Schools level. With each level application form completed and sent to Active Schools, our school will be entered into a monthly prize draw for Wintergreen equipment, Active Schools Parachute Pack, and the TVOKids Active Schools Donâ€™t Sit Stillâ€™ Cup.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Our kindergarten registration week was January 28- February 1st. If you know of families with children eligible to attend school in September please encourage them to register as soon as possible. Registration is ongoing.

ARRIVING ON TIME FOR SCHOOL

Please assist your children in making every effort to arrive on time for school every day. It is very disruptive to classes when children arrive late and it adds extra work for Mrs. Munro writing up late slips. Please note also that we have moved the announcements from the beginning of the day to lunchtime to avoid interrupting class time so the children enter and get right to work. Habitual lates will be carefully tracked.

PICK UP AT NIGHT

Please respect the traffic signs posted at the end of the day if you are picking up your child. All children exit at the back of the school and walk around. The roadway at the front of the school is not a stopping zone. Bylaw officers will be by to ensure safety.

KINDNESS WEEK

Feb. 18-21 is slated as Kindness Week in the province. Your children exhibit this every day!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call.

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Who is My Neighbour?

Our candy cane incentive was an incredible success! Children and teachers purchased enough candy canes to send supplies to three classrooms in Africa and had started on a fourth! Thanks to the kind generosity of Mrs. Pugliese and her office staff, the fourth room was topped up and completed! A cheque for \$200 has been sent off, so four classrooms will now be well stocked. Children helping children, what could be better?

The children and teachers brought in an extraordinary amount of canned goods to be donated to needy families in the community. In our partnership with St. Augustine church Christmas hampers were sent to several homes! We are certainly all following the example of the Good Samaritan.

The teachers donated several toiletry articles, stocking stuffers and small clothing items to be distributed to needy families in the community through the church as well.

One of our parents, who wishes to remain anonymous, in partnership with two friends, shopped for children in three of our families to ensure a Merry Christmas. The families and children remained anonymous, much like the angel tree. From all accounts, this was a huge success!

The children made over 200 Christmas cards for the residents at Villa Marconi and these were delivered just before the holidays. They were delighted to receive them and we hope to make this a yearly tradition with our neighbors there!

It is easy to see why we won the Caring for Others Award. This is a school where children are learning to follow the example of the Good Samaritan, and to share Christ's love for others. Who is my Neighbor? can I lighten her load?

We celebrated the Christmas families mass with Father Siok at St. Augustine church in the evening on Dec. 21. Thanks to the Parent Council there was a wonderful opportunity to share treats afterwards. Our Sparrows choir sang beautifully as always. They are becoming very well known in the community! Mass is truly one of the extraordinary gifts that we have as a people of God, attending a Catholic school. The readers, the choir, and the children in general did a remarkable job. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to join us at this very special event.

Our Gingerbread House Day was a huge success. Many parents arrived to help with the decorating and we shared a wonderful collaborative event.

All of our grades one to six students walked over to St. Pius high school to perform an arrangement of songs for those students under the direction of Mr. Lieflander. The principal, the teachers, the music teacher and the students could not believe the intricacy of the selections and level of singing that our children can do. They plan to bring over some of their senior music students to perform for us later this year.

Both performances of Handel's Messiah at the Basilica and the Cathedral were quite simply extraordinary! Mr. Bottiglia and Archbishop Prendergast were amazed at the talent and showmanship of our children. Thank you to all of you for bringing your children to these performances to allow them to experience such a magnificent event.

Archbishop Prendergast said mass at St. Augustine church on Saturday January 5th. Our Sparrows formed the choir and , as always, sang beautiful. It was truly magnificent. Congratulations to Sabrina who did a solo! Amazing!

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Our school vision

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PARENT COUNCIL

Our next parent council meeting is scheduled for Monday January 14th at 7:00 in the library. All parents are most welcome to attend!

PIZZA DAYS

Our January Pizza days will be held on Friday January 25th and Thursday, January 31st. You will note that a second day is being added each month. Funds from the second pizza days will be going directly toward the purchase of a computer and software for the school yearbook club.

P.D. DAY Friday Feb. 1

There will be no school for students on that day.

LITERACY EVENING WITH COLLEEN MACDONALD- January 24- 7-8 p.m.

This will be a wonderful evening session with our Board consultant on early literacy. How can we help our children develop strong literacy skills? We hope that ALL parents of our junior kindergarten to grade three students attend this very important workshop.

See you there!

Refreshments will be provided.

EARLY MORNING OPEN GYM

Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Lacelle are running a vibrant open gym program for all interested students in grades 4-6 every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:30. Join us anytime!

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LOST AND FOUND

Many, many items are in our Lost and Found bin! We will lay them out for the children to check. All unclaimed items will be sent to the poor on Jan. 25th.

MATH SUMMIT

Several of our teachers will be attending an all day math workshop on Saturday January 26th to explore new ideas/methods for delivering the math curriculum.

ACTIVE SCHOOLS

We have just received word that our school has reached a new Active Schools level. With each level application form completed and sent to Active Schools, our school will be entered into a monthly prize draw for Wintergreen equipment, Active Schools Parachute Pack, and the TVOKids Active Schools Don't Sit Still Cup.

FRANK RYAN

It's getting to that time of year already; parents of all grade six students are invited to an Open House and information session on Wednesday January 30 at 6:00 at Frank Ryan. Invitation letters/reminders will go out the week before.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Our kindergarten registration week is January 28- February 1st. Please call Mrs. Munro to make an appointment. She would be happy to meet with you between 10:00 and 2:30 any day.

If you have a working CD player that you could donate to the school, several classes would be delighted to give them a happy home for storytime and class sing-a-longs.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call.
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â€œWho is My Neighbour?â€

A cheque for \$32.47 has been sent off to Unicef in the name of our students to direct towards supporting education for children in Africa . Well done girls and boys!

Mary from the National Gallery came on three separate occasions to bring beautiful works of art from the gallery to all classes from grades one to six. The children explored the various techniques and styles of famous artists.

As part of the Arts Incentive, on Nov.5th the children were treated to an incredible production of The Nightingale by Rag and Bones theater. The costumes and scenery were fabulous!

On Nov. 6th, Ottawa University students presented an Ant-Bullying workshop to the grade five and six students. Our students created skits to exemplify kindness towards others.

On Nov.7th, we celebrated a beautiful Remembrance Day mass at St. Augustine church. It was wonderful to have so many parents join us!

On the PD day on November 9th, we hosted 10 schools here, amounting to over 200 people! They marveled at the childrenâ€™s artwork, posted stories and clearly welcoming atmosphere of the school. The staff were very proud to share this with others who had never been to visit our little gem before!

Our LD Awareness evening on Nov. 15th for parents was a huge success. Mrs. Perrin our Board consultant ran an excellent workshop with our own Mrs. Johnson.

The Catholic Symposium was held at The Centurion on November 22. St. Augustine was well represented as hundreds of people from all over the Board met to discuss the future of Catholic education in this province.

On Nov. 22nd the grade six students, under the direction of Mrs. Lacelle and junior teachers ran an outstanding health fair for junior students. Congratulations and thank you girls and boys!

On Nov. 23, we cozied up for winter in our PJâ€™s and as a school community watched the new movie â€œRatatouilleâ€. We were celebrating a remarkable first term with the children. We are very proud of the efforts of the children to be kind and respectful to all! The many highly positive comments from supply teachers, visitors and staff reflect a tremendous atmosphere of respect as we model the Catholic principles of persons and community .

On Nov. 25th, Big Sisters and Big Brothers hosted their annual Holiday party at the Museum of Science and Technology. Several of our students attended and great fun was had by all!

Important Safety Reminders:

1. This school is a nut free and scent free school at all times. Thank you for your help in ensuring that all children are safe at school.
2. Thank you for your assistance with ensuring that your children do not arrive in the morning before there is supervision in the yard. This has greatly improved!
3. From time to time, staff and parents need to review bus safety rules with children. We would ask for your ongoing support with this.

4. It is imperative that you sign in when you visit the school. We also want to remind you that if you are picking up your child please arrange with them to meet you at the office. We will gladly signal into their class for them to come down.

5. Please remind your children that under no circumstances are they ever to run after or approach unleashed dogs on the property. Even the friendliest of pets can be aggressive if they feel threatened or get frightened.

St. Augustine's #1 rule

“We treat others with respect at all times.”

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday December 5th for all students from grade one to grade six.

INTERVIEWS

Interviews have been scheduled for all children from JK to grade 6. They are being held in the evening on Thursday Dec.6th and in the morning on Dec. 7th.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday, December 7, 2006 is a Professional Development Day for teachers. There will be no school for children on this day.

PARENT COUNCIL

Our next parent council meeting is scheduled for Monday December 10th at 7:00 in the staffroom. All parents are most welcome to attend!

PIZZA DAYS

Our December pizza day will be held on Friday December 21st.

EARLY MORNING OPEN GYM

Our open gym program continues for all interested students in grades 4-6 every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:30. Join us anytime!

WE ARE A TEAM AT BROADWAY'S

This is a reminder that our school is registered as a team at Broadway's Restaurant on Fisher. Be sure to mention that you are part of our school team, over the holidays! We get 10% back on all food!

THE MILK MOOED!

Jacob was surprised and delighted when his milk carton from the milk program at school mooed! Do let us know what you won Jacob!

MILK POSTER WINNERS

Many wonderful submissions came in for the World Milk Day poster contest. Congratulations to our school winners- Nikolina, Caitlin, Diana, Jordan, Crystal and Sama. Your posters have been sent in for official judging. Good luck!

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ADVENT

The children will be celebrating Advent with regular Monday liturgies in their own classrooms. On the third week we will celebrate together with the whole school.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

We are working in cooperation with St. Augustine Parish to do a food drive for needy families in the community from December 4th to December 20th.. We will be looking for items such as canned fruit, vegetables, soups, etc. They have requested that we do not include canned potatoes, cake mixes or cereals and please check expiry dates.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS

Don't miss this one! Please bring your children to our very own Christmas mass at the church on Monday December 17th at 7:00. The grade five and six students will form the choir. You will be amazed at their beautiful voices and those of the other children throughout the church. We sincerely hope that all of you can come and pack the church for this joyous celebration of the upcoming birth of Christ!

GET YOUR TICKETS FOR HANDEL'S MESSIAH WHILE THEY LAST!

Our grade three to six children will be showcased in this magnificent production at Notre Dame Cathedral on Friday Dec.14th and St. Patrick's Basilica on Saturday Dec.15th. Tickets are now on sale at school. Don't miss out on this spectacular event.

CONGRATULATIONS-WE WON THE CARING FOR OTHERS AWARD!

Students and staff have proven themselves repeatedly to be a caring, sharing community in so many ways. Countless people at school, in the community and abroad benefit from their generous spirit and willingness to lend a hand. On Nov. 15th, grades four to six students attended an assembly sponsored by the United Way, the Ottawa Citizen and the TD bank to celebrate our successes. The school received a beautiful award plaque. We hope that you saw us on t.v. that night! Check us out on the Board website as we are a featured school on the home page! Way to go St. Augustine!

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED CALENDAR FOR THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL EVENTS!

Christmas holidays

Dec. 22nd to Jan. 6th

School resumes on January 7th

We wish you God's blessings as we move into the Christmas season.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call.

Mrs. Sheila O'Farrell

November 2007

St. Augustine School

“Who is My Neighbour?”

The children brought in their coins for Unicef. This will be directed to support education for children in Africa. Well done!

Staff members have again supported the United Way at the rate of 100% involvement. What a superb effort!

Our Terry Fox Run was a huge success this year. A fabulous \$229 was donated to this very worthy cause. Incredible!

Staff celebrated World Teacher Day at a mass at St. Monica's on Oct. 2 and we, as a whole school, celebrated a beautiful Thanksgiving Day mass on Oct. 4 at St. Augustine church. Thank you to all of the parents and friends who joined us there!

On Nov. 2, we celebrated All Souls' and All Saints' Day. Father Siok joined us as the children presented posters and information on their chosen saints. How blessed we are to be in a Catholic school!

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Dear Parents,

October was a very busy month with Halloween fun, the milk program, pizza and game boy day, after school activities, our chocolate bar fundraiser, the Power of One presentation, an Esteem athlete visiting our grade sixes for goal setting, open gym starting for juniors, photography lessons for our junior students, a bat presentation for primary students as well a visit from a dental hygienist and we had photo days for all!

We continue to pass out Ottawa 67's tickets to deserving students. We continue to review our number one school rule- "We treat others with respect at all times."

We have enjoyed so many compliments on the outstanding behaviour of our students both at school and on outings such as sports events. Your children make us very, very proud!

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DRESS CODE

The school dress code of navy bottoms without stripes down the side, (no jeans), with white tops, no wording other than our school tees, is strictly enforced at all grade levels. Thank you most sincerely for ensuring that your children arrive in appropriate dress code daily. This is evidence, for your children, that you are working in tandem with school staff.

Our new school clothes will be arriving very soon and we look forward to sporting this new gear proudly!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We are so thankful to parent volunteers who have joined us in working with the children. Thank you all!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday, November 9, 2007 is a Professional Development Day for teachers. There will be no school for children on this day.

PARENT COUNCIL

Our next school council meeting is scheduled for Monday November 12th at 7:00. All parents are most welcome to attend!

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Please join us for our Remembrance Day ceremony to be held in the gym on Wed. Nov. 7th at 10:00. Father Siok will be here and Mr. Lieflander will direct the children in song! It will be a beautiful celebration!

SYMPOSIUM ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION

A team of staff and parents will represent all of us at a day long Symposium with the clergy and bishops on Nov. 22. People from the greater Ottawa area throughout our Board will gather to discuss the great gift of Catholic Education that we enjoy and look forward to its bright future.

PIZZA DAYS

Our November pizza day for will be held on Friday Nov. 30th. Children are allowed to bring a Game Boy if they wish on that day only.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Many children are enjoying an incredible after school program right here on site. It is in full swing now thanks to the efforts of our Parent Council.

PHOTO RETAKES

This will be done on Nov. 6.

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LAMONTANGE CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Our chocolate bar fundraiser was a great success. Thank you for returning items promptly so that all associated tasks could be completed. Every child in the school received a great prize.

Our top sellers were Vincenzo & Natale Frangione 1st, Molly & Abby Salvatore 2nd, Graham Matte 3rd, and Nyakuma Buoy –winner of a pair of Senators hockey tickets. Congratulations everyone!

MILK AND JUICE PROGRAM

The milk and juice program has been a huge success and our junior students are doing an amazing job in ensuring the smooth delivery of these items daily.

FOCUS ON FAITH

Three of our teachers will represent the school at a Focus on Faith workshop on November 6th.

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SAVE THIS DATE!!!

Colleen MacDonald, the Literacy Consultant for our school Board, has graciously accepted our invitation to present a literacy workshop for all of the parents of our junior kindergarten to grade three children. Keep the date Nov. 29 free, from 7-8 p.m. More info to follow!

If you have any questions, please don't ever hesitate to call.
Sheila O'Farrell, principal

October 2007

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“Who is My Neighbour?”

Our boys and girls soccer teams represented St. Augustine school at the school Board tournaments. Congratulations to the students! Thank you to our coaches Mr. Vispo and Mme Fiutowski.

On September 30 school staff, parents and children proudly sported our school team shirts at Lebreton flats in the Run for the Cure 5K walk to support breast cancer research . Thank you to Mme Fiutowski for heading this up. Every year gets bigger and better!

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Dear Parents,

Our program evening on Wednesday, September 19th was a resounding success. Thank you for taking time from your busy schedules to come out and support our teachers as we work to develop a strong home/school liaison to support student success. We enjoyed showing off the fabulous renovations that have been done in the school. The staff and parents of St. Augustine school were missioned in prayer as we set out on this year's educational journey.

Important Safety Reminders:

1. We have several students who have a severe allergic reaction to nuts and products that contain nuts. This school is a nut free school at all times.
2. Students who walk to school must not arrive at school before 8:50 a.m. or 1:00 (Kindergarten), as there is no yard supervision before these times.
3. Pupils must use the bus they have been assigned. They may not go to a friend's house, the doctor, the dentist, etc. on another school bus. It is strongly suggested that parents or caregivers meet their children at the bus stop.
4. It is imperative that you enter through the front doors only and sign in when you visit the school. We also want to remind you that if you are picking up your child please arrange with them to meet you at the office. We will gladly signal into their class for them to come down if they forget.

DRESS CODE

The school dress code of navy bottoms without stripes down the side, (no jeans), with white tops, no wording other than our school tees, will be strictly enforced at all grade levels.

Children are expected to dress appropriately, neatly and in a fashion that reflects an overall respect for themselves and their fellow students, and allows for a positive attitude towards their education.

Thank you most sincerely to the parents who are ensuring that their children arrive in appropriate dress code daily. This is evidence, for your children, that you are working in tandem with school staff.

Order forms for our fabulous new school clothing items have been sent home and are due back at school on October 10. Samples are available for you to check sizing if you wish. We are very excited with these new items. Please label everything!

POWER OF ONE

Thanks to fundraising efforts by Parent Council the whole school will be enjoying a presentation on No-Bullying. The school will also receive a plaque which we will hang in the hallway. This is the type of thing that your fundraising efforts, such as chocolate bar monies and/or activity fees go to so thank you for supporting us in this way!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday, October 5, 2007 is a Professional Development Day for teachers. There will be no school for children on this day.

PARENT COUNCIL

Our second school council meeting is scheduled for Monday October 15th at 7:00. All parents are most welcome to attend! A focus group is preparing a proposal for the Parents Reaching Out Grant and this will be presented at that time.

THANKSGIVING MASS

All parents are cordially invited to join us for our Thanksgiving mass. It will be held at St. Augustine church on Thursday, Oct. 4 at 10:00. Your child must return the permission form to leave school property. We welcome parent volunteers to walk to church with us. The four year olds will not be attending.

CANADIAN ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

Children in grades 4 and 5 will soon be participating in the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test. They will enjoy the challenge. Notices have been sent out to this effect.

PIZZA DAYS

Our first pizza day for this year will be held on Friday October 26th. Please ensure that your order is in by Friday, Oct. 12th. We will continue with Game Boy Fridays on Pizza Fridays. Please note that the school is not responsible for Game Boys that are brought to school by your child. Please ensure that your child is aware that it is their responsibility to take good care of it.

CONGRATULATIONS SOCCER TEAMS!

Special congratulations are extended to the St. Augustine Girls'™s and Boys'™s Soccer Teams who attended the annual divisional tournaments. All players displayed excellent sportsmanship and a strong effort. They worked hard, played beautifully and demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship. Special appreciation is extended to Mr. Vispo, and Mme Fiutowski for their work in preparing our school teams.

LAMONTAGNE CHOCOLATES

This is our first major fundraising venture of the year. The funds collected support class trips and events as well as allowing us the opportunity to purchase special items for your children in their classrooms. Please ensure that all collected money is returned to the school by Tuesday, October 23rd.

Please remember that you are responsible for the safe keeping of the chocolates and cash. The draw for wonderful prizes will take place on October 23rd.

CROSS COUNTRY MEET

The annual Cross Country School Board Meet will be held on Thursday Oct.4th at the Terry Fox Facility on Riverside Drive. The girls and boys are working very hard to prepare for this event and we know that we will, as always, be well represented with hard working athletes displaying outstanding sportsmanship. Thank you to Mrs. Lacelle for her training workouts!

OPEN GYM FOR JUNIOR STUDENTS

Again this year we will be having Open Gym for junior students. It will be held every Tuesday and Thursday morning starting on October 16th at 8:30. Please remember that it is for junior students only. Primary students are not to attend as there is no supervision provided for them.

WE ARE A TEAM AT BROADWAY'S

St. Augustine school is registered as a team at the Broadway's restaurant on Fisher. We will receive 10% back on all food and drink items purchased throughout the school year. NEW THIS YEAR- Broadway will track us on site- there is no need to submit bills; just make sure that you indicate that you are on our team at every visit and they will track the amount for us! If you have any receipts currently, please send them to school as they will accept them as well for now. Also, if you mention that you are part of our team, you will be provided with free chips and salsa at every visit!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Invitations have been sent out to our parent volunteers to attend a variety of free workshops sponsored by the Board. These workshops provide exceptional training for participants in their roles as parent volunteers. If you have signed up, enjoy!

MILK AND JUICE PROGRAM

Our milk and juice program is in full swing at St. Augustine school. Our brand new milk fridge stores the items beautifully. Thank you to Mrs. Johnson for facilitating this as well as the Milk Poster Contest. World School Milk day was September 26. Posters are due at the end of October.

FOOD CUPBOARD

We do understand that from time to time children may arrive at school without a lunch or without having had a nutritional breakfast. This may occur due to a rushed morning or at times, financial reasons. Hungry tummies stand in the way of quality learning. As such, we will be establishing a food cupboard. It will be well stocked with granola bars, juices, fruit cups and milk to ensure that no child ever feels hungry. Teachers will explain the availability of the food to their classes. All children will have access as needed.

LADIES OF THE ROSARY

The ladies of the rosary will begin their weekly visits with our grades 4 and five children as they teach them to pray the rosary. This will begin on Friday October 12.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our children are very fortunate to be offered a vibrant after school program right here on site. The fun began on Oct.1!

LITERACY BLOCK PARTY

On Saturday, October 20th many of the staff members of St. Augustine school will be participating in all day workshops on literacy initiatives as presented by our school board. They will gather a wealth of ideas and new methodology

to continue to support your children in the acquisition of strong literacy skills.

ADOPT A SCHOOL PROGRAM

Meadowlands Pub will continue to keep St. Augustine as their sponsored school and as such, will be providing our students with Ottawa 67's™ tickets for many home games. We are delighted to accept their support and encouragement for deserving students.

OLYMPIC ATHLETE

Olympic Kayaker James Cartwright will do a presentation on Self-esteem and goal setting to our grade six class on Tuesday October 30st.

HALLOWEEN

On Wednesday October 31st, all staff and students are invited to dress up in black and orange. Kindergarten children only are allowed to wear their costumes on that day. Their teachers will be sending a note regarding their activities on that day.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Photographers from Lifetouch Photography were at school on September 28th to take individual photos. Class photos will be done on October 23rd. Retakes will be done at that time if necessary.

Packages will be sent home for you to purchase if you wish at a later date. For health reasons, it is requested that parents remind their children not to share their combs with other students.