

# Friday Flier



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**Mrs. Andrasik would like to thank the Liturgy Committee, teachers, and students who made the “Chaplet of St. Michael” such a wonderful prayer service on Tuesday.** All of our student angels and readers did a great job.

**Wanted: Part-time School Nurse...**One of our nurses, Mrs. Soares, is having a baby due in late December. We are looking to hire a part-time nurse to work 2-3 days per week to fill in for Mrs. Soares while she is on maternity leave. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Schratz.

**We are in need of a volunteer to sell Scrip every other Tuesday from 3:20-4:00 PM and every other Wednesday morning.** This is an easy way to earn volunteer hours! Please contact Mrs. Schoenbeck, 410-796-2214, to volunteer.

**Scrapbooking Club Reminder...**This newly formed club will meet on Tuesday's from 3:45-4:45 PM in the Art Room beginning October 6. The club is open to students in grades 5-8 and the cost is \$20. If you have not yet registered, please do so my Monday. Thank you!

**Drop Off and Dismissal Reminders...**School begins promptly at 9 AM. Anyone who arrives after 9 AM is late and marked tardy. This, of course, does not apply to children who ride the bus who may on occasion be late. On rainy days the car line will be in front of the school. At dismissal the back lot closes at 3:40. Parent arriving after the cones are put across the entrance must park on top and wait on the white lines with their children until the back lot is cleared. It takes less than 5 minutes to clear the back lot. Complying with this rule is a sign of good character and greatly appreciated. Any parents who have a need to leave school more promptly than 3:45 are to call the school to arrange for a special dismissal process.

**Thank you, Frank Wilkens & ExxonMobil!** We would like to extend a very special thank you to Mr. Frank Wilkens and ExxonMobil for their very generous contribution of \$750 to our school. We truly appreciate the ongoing support provided by the Educational Alliance Program at ExxonMobil. These funds will be used toward outfitting another classroom with interactive mimio technology.

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| Monday, October 5    | High School Regional Fair, St. Augustine's, 6-9 PM   |
| Tuesday, October 6   | Open House for prospective families, 9-11 AM<br>Scrapbooking Club begins ( <i>Grades 5-8; registration required</i> ), 3:45-4:45 PM, Art Room<br>Archdiocesan Blue Ribbon Committee Listening Session, School of the Incarnation, 7-9 PM<br>BOAST Forum, Annapolis, 9 AM-1 PM          |
| Wednesday, October 7 | Middle School Study Hall, 3:45-4:45 PM, Science Lab ( <i>no siblings, please</i> )<br>Guitar Lab begins ( <i>Grades 5-8; registration required</i> ), 3:45-4:30 PM, 5th grade classroom<br>Parent Access Information Session, 3:45-4:30 PM<br>Cheerleading Practice begins, 6 PM, Hall |
| Thursday, October 8  | Individual Student Photos, 9:30 AM<br>Fit Club, 3:45-4:45 PM ( <i>Grades 4-8, registration required</i> )<br>Cross Country Practice, 3:45-4:30 PM (Grade 6-8)  |
| Friday, October 9    | Interim Reports distributed  |

**A Parent Access Information Session will be held on Wednesday, October 7 at 3:45 PM.** This is a great opportunity for you to ask questions about Parent Access and its capabilities. This will be especially beneficial to parents of students in grade 3 and new families.

**Fall Writing Project...**At least once per trimester the teachers try to plan a cross-curricular and cross grade project. We are now in the throes of preparing for our first such event. On October 13 and 15 the students will be immersed in activities to teach them about poetry and the wonders of autumn. In addition to strengthening relationships between buddies, this activity will help the students learn about poetry and sharpen their writing skills.

**Flu Season Update...**St. Augustine School is preparing for the upcoming flu season. This winter may be particularly challenging with the onset of regular seasonal flu and the H1N1 flu virus. Within the next week the nurses will be instructing the students on proper hand washing and cough covering techniques. These practices are the most effective means of protecting oneself from infection and preventing the spread of infection to others. In addition, a protocol for disinfecting all potentially hazardous surfaces is being put into place. If you are interested in more details regarding how the archdiocesan schools are preparing for the flu season go to [www.archbalt.org/flu/](http://www.archbalt.org/flu/).

**Uniform Reminders...**We still have one month in the summer uniform. However, the winter uniform may be worn at any time. Please consult the handbook whenever you have a question about the proper uniform. The students in grades 3-8 have been recently informed that there are new consequences for being out of uniform. Each student will be given one warning slip whenever there is any uniform infraction. A second violation of any type will result in an after school detention. Detention will take place the following day from 3:45-4:30. Though this may seem harsh to some, failure to enforce the uniform policy has been a consistent issue discussed by parents at the Principal's Coffee. Hopefully, this new procedure will eliminate this problem once and for all.

The Maryland Catholic Conference is working hard to make the BOAST program law. We are in need of a few parents to be part of a committee to work on passage of this bill, which would provide a great deal of funding directly to students for tuition. This funding would enable many more families to attend Catholic schools, which would then lower the per pupil cost for everyone. If you can attend the BOAST forum on October 6 from 9 AM- 1 PM in Annapolis, please contact Mrs. Schratz immediately.

★ You will earn volunteer hours! ★