

# Friday Flier



St. Augustine School † A school you can have faith in † [www.staug-md.org](http://www.staug-md.org) † November 20, 2009

**Progress Reports...** Yesterday the students received their progress reports for the first trimester. These reports contain a great deal of information regarding each child's academic and social experience at school. Parents are strongly urged to review the reports carefully and discuss them with the children. It is very important to affirm the children's strengths and to help them set goals for improving weaknesses. Once you have developed reasonable goals, it is essential to put practices in place that will help the children meet their goals. It is also a good idea to discuss your child's goals with the teacher during conference time.

**Getting the Most out of Parent Conferences...** Below are some tips that you can follow to ensure a very successful conference. Please review your child's progress report carefully prior to the conference. Use the progress reports to help your child set some goals for the second trimester.

- ▶ Ask your child if there is anything that he would like you to discuss with the teacher.
- ▶ Jot down everything that you want to talk about at the conference.
- ▶ Arrive promptly or a few minutes early.
- ▶ Begin with positive comments about the teacher or classroom.
- ▶ Avoid lengthy discussions of topics that are not related to the purpose of the conference.
- ▶ Be open-minded to suggestions from the teacher.
- ▶ Keep your emotions under control.
- ▶ Take notes about what has been discussed to share with your child.
- ▶ Express appreciation for the conference.
- ▶ Do not stay beyond your allotted time.

Friday, November 20

Chicken-to-Go Pick up, 3-6 PM

Monday, November 23

Hot lunch orders due  
**12:40 PM EARLY DISMISSAL**  
Parent Conferences

Tuesday, November 24

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Thanksgiving Feast with Buddies, 11 AM

Wednesday, November 25-

**SCHOOL CLOSED** - Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 27

Sunday, November 29

First Sunday of Advent

Monday, November 30

H1N1 vaccine permission forms due

Tuesday, December 1

"Tall Tales" Assembly, K-4, 2 PM

Wednesday, December 2

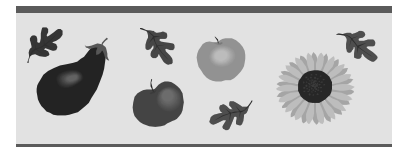
Advent Play, 2:30 PM  
Middle School Study Hall, 3:45-4:30 PM, Science lab (no siblings, please)  
Guitar Lab (Grades 5-8; registration required), 3:45-4:30 PM  
Piano Lab (Grades K&I; registration required), 3:40-4:05 PM  
Cheerleading, 6-7:30 PM

Thursday, December 3

Fitness Club (Grades 4-8; registration required), 3:45-4:45 PM

Friday, December 4

Christmas Dinner with Santa, 5-9 PM



**Great News!** In the recent archdiocesan Factors of Viability Assessment, St Augustine School received a very strong viability rating. There were just a few recommendations and these will be the focus of the school's future improvement plan. The archdiocese is moving toward system-wide accreditation and this report and the work that has been done for the Factors of Viability Assessment put our school in an excellent position to sail through the accreditation process. All the stakeholders of our parish school community can be very proud of this accomplishment!

**BARNES  
& NOBLE**

**SAVE THE DATE...The Barnes & Noble Book Fair will be held on Tuesday, December 8 at 7 PM!** In addition to a book reading by Mrs. Schratz and a guest appearance by the children's character Froggy, local author **Michael S. Bracco** will be at our event! Mr. Bracco is the artist and writer for the Graphic Novel Series, NOVO and the all ages Sci Fi graphic novel, Adam Wreck. The Book Fair is a great opportunity for you to purchase books for Christmas gifts! In addition, join us at Pizzeria Uno's (Long Gate Parkway) before or after the Book Fair for a delicious bite to eat! A portion of all sales from Barnes & Noble and Pizzeria Uno's will be donated to the school.

**Annual Fund Kicks Off!** Please watch your mailbox next week for this year's Annual Fund. Your financial support is greatly appreciated, regardless of the amount. New this year...for your convenience, we will be accepting credit card donations. We are extremely excited to announce that a St. Augustine grandparent has generously donated **\$1,000** to kick off our campaign! Please help us reach our goal of **100% participation** by all of our school families and faculty! Thank you!



**Please join us on Wednesday, December 2 at 2:30 pm for the Advent Play.** The play will include actors from grade 6 and the choir from grade 3. We hope you will join us for this very special production!

**Scrip is the perfect solution to all of your holiday gift-giving needs, as well as every day purchases!** By purchasing Scrip (gift cards), you are supporting the school without spending an extra cent - and you may receive a rebate check at the end of the school year! Note: Scrip will be sold the morning of November 23, but there will be no Scrip special orders placed this week. The last day for special orders for the holidays is **Monday, December 14.** If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Marc in the school office or e-mail [cmarc@staug-md.org](mailto:cmarc@staug-md.org). Thank you!

**Thanks to the kind generosity of St. Augustine parishioners, the second collection for the school this past weekend was over \$4,000!** Thank you to those school families who contributed to this collection. The next second collection for the school is scheduled for Catholic Schools Week.



**Boxtops Turkey Bucks Contest...**We would like to treat you to a Chick-Fil-A Kid's Meal along with a Homework Pass. Please send two "turkey bucks" (20 box tops) to school by **November 30** to receive your prizes. **Make sure you don't cut off those expiration dates.** Thanks for your collection efforts!

**Thank you to the 7th grade parents for providing the delicious breakfast for faculty and staff on Monday.** Your kindness is greatly appreciated!



# *Christmas Dinner with Santa!*

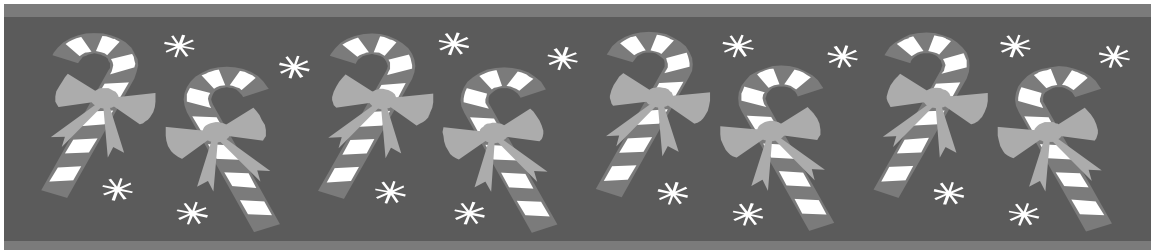
**★ MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! ★**

**PLEASE CONTACT EVENT CHAIR DIANE HAISLIP AT  
DRHAISLIP@HCAAC.ORG TO VOLUNTEER!**

**Friday, December 4th, 5:00-9:00 p.m.**

**All - You - Can - Eat Pasta Dinner Buffet  
\$10 adults/\$5 children (12 years and under)**

*Children's Games, Pictures with Santa, Cake Decorating Contest/Cake Walk,  
Santa's Workshop with children's crafts, Gift Shop (kids only),  
Auction for Class Projects, Music Basket Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Gold/Silver Buy Back.*



**★ Attention Parents! ★**

**Become a St. Augustine Fan on Facebook!**

**Our page is located at**

***“St. Augustine School, Elkridge Maryland”***

**This is a great way to keep in touch with  
other parents, hear the latest school news,  
post pictures, share memories, etc.!**

**Please spread the word to our alumni to join too!**