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St. Augustine School † A school you can have faith in † www.staug-md.org † January 29, 2010

Now more than ever, Catholic Schools Week is a time to celebrate the enduring value of Catholic education. Each year at this time, we focus on the gift that Catholic education provides to America's young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. We build community awareness of and involvement in Catholic schools throughout the country. And we honor those who contribute to the success of Catholic schools - students, families, faculty, staff, volunteers, community supporters, and local, state, and national leaders.

Particularly during times of change and challenge, Catholic Schools provide long-term benefits to the nation's youth: a high-quality, faith-based education that will continue to pay dividends for years to come. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life," underscores the commitment of Catholic schools to continue that tradition. Families and communities can count on Catholic schools to instill in students the faith, knowledge, morals and discipline that will enable them to fulfill their future roles as committed citizens, productive employees and effective leaders.

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday. Please join us for breakfast at Daniels anytime between 8 AM-1 PM as we kick off CSW 2010! We are looking forward to celebrating our wonderful students, committed parents and dedicated teachers and staff through the many activities we have planned for Catholic Schools Week. Please keep our school and all of our school families in your prayers.

Basketball Clinic – In the event of inclement weather please check the SAS website for cancellation news. It will be posted no later than 9:30 am.

Friday, January 29	Family Dinner, 4-8 PM - JOIN US TONIGHT!	
Sunday, January 31	Prayers for our students at each mass Breakfast at Daniels Restaurant, 8 AM-1PM (a portion of the proceeds will be donated to SAS) Band Concert, OLPH, 2 PM	
Monday, February 1	Spirit Day - students may dress in gold and blue Prayer Service & Alumni guest speakers, 10 AM Travel Fair on display	
Tuesday, February 2	Grandparents/Special Person Day, 9:15 AM Math Counts, 3:45 PM	
Wednesday, February 3	Open House for prospective families, 9-11 AM 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 Math Counts, 3:45 PM	
Thursday, February 4	Student Appreciation Day/Crazy Sock Day - students may wear crazy socks and free dress Assembly, 10 AM Dance & Ice Cream Social, 1 PM	
Friday, February 5	ANNUAL FUND DEADLINE - Participation contest ends! EARLY DISMISSAL - NO PM BUS SERVICE Teacher Appreciation Day Student basketball games	

Important Annual Fund News...As of today, **62%** of our school families have contributed to the Annual Fund and **no class has reached 100%**. Following are the contribution percentages for each grade:

Kindergarten: 53%	5th Grade: 72%
1st Grade: 61%	6th Grade: 73%
2nd Grade: 63%	7th Grade: 64%
3rd Grade: 76%	8th Grade: 67%
4th Grade: 63%	

As an added incentive, Mrs. Schratz is offering **extra recess and a movie to the first class that achieves 100% participation!** In addition, the deadline has been extended to **Friday, February 5**. It is our sincere hope that this extra week will help boost our participation and make our Annual Fund a success. Remember, Annual Fund dollars help keep our tuition increases to a minimum, and increase our chances of receiving grants and other outside funding. **If you are one of the 62% who have already given, THANK YOU!** If not, then **PLEASE** consider making a contribution before **February 5**. **Remember, it's not the dollar amount that counts, it's the participation!**



The Family Valentine's Day Dance, sponsored by the Athletic Association and the HSA, will be held on Saturday, February 13 from 7-9:30 PM in the hall. Tickets are \$7 each and refreshments will be sold. To reserve your tickets, please send a check payable to the *St. Augustine Athletic Association* in an envelope marked **"Valentine Dance."**

A very special thank you to the 5th grade parents for the delicious lunch on Tuesday for faculty and staff. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

The Student Council will distribute candy grams on Thursday, February 11. If you have not yet done so, please send in your order by **Monday, February 1**.

The Student Council would like to thank everyone who supported the Bake Sale for Haiti. We are pleased to announce that the total raised is **\$209**, which will go toward our *Hearts for Haiti* campaign to support the Catholic Relief Services efforts there.



Congratulations to the following alumni who made the Principal's List/Honor Roll at Cardinal Gibbons: Thomas Kyle – gr. 9 – Principal's List; Daniel Franchy – gr. 10 – First Honors; Philip Michael – gr. 10 – Principal's List; Mike Drury – gr. 12 – Second Honors; Kevin Eurice – gr. 12 – Second Honors; and Jeffrey Kane – gr. 12 – Principal's List.

Volunteer Hours...If you wish to check the official status of your volunteer hours in order to compare it to your records, please e-mail Mrs. Marc in the school office at cmarc@staug-md.org. If you are looking for ways to earn additional hours, please contact the school office. Assistance is always needed in many areas! Thank you for donating your valuable time and talent to SAS!



Box Tops Ice Cream Party Contest...Please collect your box tops (see collection sheet on school website). The class that turns in the most box tops by **Friday, February 26** will win an **ice cream party**. Make sure you don't cut off those expiration dates. If the expiration date is passed or cut off, General Mills will not honor the box top.

The second session of Fit Club (Grades 4-8) begins on Thursday, February 11.

If you have not yet registered your child, please do so by Monday. This is a great way for your child to stay healthy and fit!

