

Friday Flier



St. Augustine School ♡ *March 20, 2009* ♡ *www.staug-md.org*

Standardized Testing Week begins on Monday. This year students in grades 1-8 will be participating in the testing program. Please read the attached letter carefully to learn about the purpose of the tests and how parents can help their child prepare for the tests. The testing will begin right after prayers each day. It will be particularly important that all students arrive to school on time. Please make every effort to have your child ready for school so that he or she can arrive in a calm and timely manner. Homework will not be assigned next week to enable students to get extra rest and families to have a little extra time to do some relaxing and enjoyable things. We will make every effort to keep the testing environment stress free and positive. Teachers are planning lighter activities to help compensate for the fact that the testing is tiring for the students. Likewise, every effort will be made to ensure that the testing environment is quiet. If you need to visit the school for any reason, please be especially attentive to the noise level.

Some Reminders from the Principal...As we begin the final trimester of this school year I am in the process of reviewing the students' goal sheets. All of the students want to end the year successfully. Many of them state that they will study harder, listen more and get more organized. These are all important ways to improve academic achievement. However, I do not believe that the students can do these things without parental support. Having **high** (but not unrealistic) **expectations** of your child is critical. Providing an **environment conducive to studying** is imperative. Children do not make their schedules; parents do. With the onset of warmer weather, athletics demand more time. Learning should not be sacrificed for sports. Parents must provide a balance. Organization is a challenge for many students. There are some simple things that you can do to help: **arrive on time, establish a morning and bedtime routine, use a folder system.** Finally, the importance of modeling cannot be overstated. What are your attitudes toward school, the teacher, the administration? It is unfair to expect your child to **be positive and respectful** if you are not. We are all frustrated from time to time, but that is not an excuse to be negative and disrespectful. Remember, the children are watching and hearing every thing we do.

Saturday, March 21	Roller Skating, Wheels (Odenton), 5:45-7:45 PM; Dinner at Three Brothers
Monday, March 23	Standardized Testing, Grades 1-8 (Students should bring a water bottle) "1,2,3, Magic," PreK-Grade 1 Parents, 6:45-8:15 PM Celebration of the Arts, Meyerhoff Symphony Hall NO AFTER SCHOOL BAND REHEARSAL
Tuesday, March 24	Standardized Testing, Grades 1-8
Wednesday, March 25	Standardized Testing, Grades 1-8 Faculty Meeting, 3:30 PM NO Middle School Study Hall NO Piano Lab NO Guitar Lab
Thursday, March 26	Standardized Testing, Grades 1-8 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30 AM-12:00 Noon Fit Club, 3:30-4:30 PM
Friday, March 27	Standardized Testing, Grades 1-8 Field Trip, Grade K Stations of the Cross, 2:30 PM



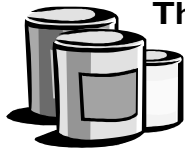
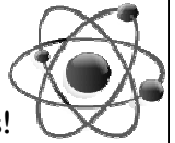


The 5th Annual Race for Education is coming soon! Kick-off packets with label sheets were sent home this week. Please be sure to send in your labels no later than Wednesday, April 1. To volunteer for Race Day/Field Day on Friday, May 1, please contact Mrs. Mobley at smobley@staug-md.org or call the school office. Thank you for helping make our 5th Annual Race our best one yet!



Please join us tomorrow evening at Wheels for an evening of family fun! The doors open at 5:30 PM and skating is from 5:45-7:45 PM. Tickets will be on sale at the door. This is a special outing just for our school - no outside people will there during our skating time. Following skating, join us next door at Three Brothers Restaurant for a delicious dinner! Proceeds from both events will benefit the HSA, which in turn benefits all of our students.

Congratulations, Alumnae! We are very proud to announce that SAS alumni **Kai Li Liang**, a sophomore at Mt. St. Joseph High School was the overall grand prize winner at the school's Science Fair for the second year in a row. In addition, Mt. St. Joseph freshman **Dominick Ruggiero** took second place in the area of Physical Science. Kudos to both students!



Thank you to everyone who sent in donations for the ElkrIDGE Food Pantry.

There are many families living in our community who are in need of food and your support is greatly appreciated. A special thanks to **Mrs. Leah Ricciuti** for delivering all of our collected food to the pantry.

Student Council News... Thank you to everyone who sent in \$2 for "Green Day." Thank you also to everyone who purchased items at the Bake Sale which raised \$94.45 and for participating in the Pot 'o Gold contest which raised \$50. Congratulations to **Sam Goodman** for winning the Pot 'o Gold contest!

Scrip News... As stated in the school handbook, the Scrip Program begins on April 1 and ends on March 31. Each family participating in the Scrip Program will earn 2% of their total certificate dollar purchase. In order to qualify for this cash award, families must earn a minimum of \$35. The last day for this year will be Monday, March 30. Checks will come home in early May. The Great Lakes Scrip Center will be closed on Monday, April 6 through Friday, April 10 which is the week before our spring break. Therefore, special orders will be placed on Monday, March 30 and not again until April 20.



A BIG THANK YOU to the **second grade parents** for providing the delicious breakfast for the faculty and staff on Tuesday. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Broglie is looking for pictures for the yearbook! Specifically, pictures of the following are needed: Student Council, basketball, first day of school, Peabody, band, choir, ensemble, guitar lab, piano lab, Halloween, Christmas, field trips and assemblies. Please e-mail your photos to Mrs. Broglie at cbroglie@staug-md.org, send her a disk (will be returned) or send her hard copy pictures (will be returned).

Spring is here so please collect box tops for our Spring Box Tops Contest for Extra Recess & Brownies! The class that collects the most box tops by **April 30** will win. So far, fourth grade is off to a great start with over 100 box tops. Send your box tops in a bag or on the spring collection sheet on our website. Don't forget to trim box tops to size (making sure you don't cut off the expiration dates). Thanks!

CYO Basketball Tournament DVD Orders - If you are interested in a copy of the CYO Basketball Tournament slideshow (presented at the banquet) and the associated pictures, then please send your order in by next **Friday, 3/27**. Include your child's name, grade and number of copies in an envelope addressed to *Rachel Taylor - 8th Grade*. We are asking for a donation (any amount) which will be put towards the purchase of a portable scoreboard. Make checks payable to the "St Augustine Athletic Association". If you have any questions please contact Janet Peyla (410)796-1048.