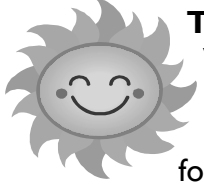


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Thank you to everyone who attended the "School's Out! Supper" last Friday.

We hope you had a great time! The event was a huge success, raising, **\$4,400** for our school! A very special thank you to **Miss Ruth** for preparing all of the delicious food, **Mrs. Pam Stanitski** for organizing the wonderful Silent Auction, **Mrs. Kirsten Nowak** for coordinating the fun games, **Mrs. Cathy Carlin and the Challenge Club** for doing face painting, and the **Williams-Wheeler Family** for donating the moon bounce.

Thank you to everyone who attended the fundraising dinner at Pizzeria Uno's and the Book Fair at Barnes & Noble! A special thank you to **Mrs. Schratz, Mrs. Filar and Mrs. Wendel** for reading to the students at the Book Fair. We hope everyone had fun and was able to make some summer reading purchases. Thanks to your support, we raised \$366!

IMPORTANT...Payment for outstanding volunteer hours is now past due. This debt, along with any other outstanding balances, must be paid in order for you to receive your child's progress report and standardized test scores. Thank you for your prompt attention to the matter. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns.



Race for Education Update...Today was the deadline for all contributions. We are very happy to report that we raised nearly **\$26,000!** Congratulations to **Grade 3** for bringing in the highest dollar amount. Congratulations to the following three students who raised the highest dollar amount: **Natalie Lybrook (\$710), Peter Pittman (\$640), and Zachary Hillock (\$596).** If you would still like to make a contribution to the Race, you may do so at anytime. We are hopeful that we may still reach our goal of \$28,000 with last-minute donations. Thank you to everyone who supported the Race!

Monday, June 1

Yearbook orders due
Last day to place Scrip special orders
Grades 1 & 2 perform Noah's Ark, 2 PM
Grade 4 to St. Martins' Home
Hersheypark Field Trip, Grade 8



Tuesday, June 2

Grade 8 Breakfast & Graduation Rehearsal, 9 AM
Grade 8 Awards Assembly, 10:45 AM
Field Trip, Grade 5 & Grade 7

Wednesday, June 3

Grade 8 Graduation, 7:30 PM
NO PIANO/GUITAR LAB
NO STUDY HALL

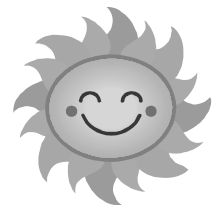


Thursday, June 4

Preschool 3's last day
"Moving Up" Day, 2:30-3 PM
Field Trip, Grade 3
Flynn & O'Hara Uniforms/Uniform Exchange, 3-5 PM

Friday, June 5

Preschool 4's last day
Kindergarten last day



WANTED: AMBASSADOR FAMILIES...One of the strengths of St. Augustine School is our strong community spirit and welcoming environment. This is a testament to the wonderful families that comprise our community. Year after year new families are quickly made to feel a part of the life of St. Augustine School. One of the ways we accomplish this is through the ambassador family program. Current school families are asked to reach out to a specific new family by extending friendship and assuring the new family that their questions can be addressed to fellow parents in an informal way. In the past we have had a New Family Supper in mid-August that the ambassador family attends along with the new family. This year we are going to do something a little different. We are honoring the new families at the school wide Welcome Back Dinner on August 28. Therefore, the manner and timing of meeting with the new family is a little more flexible for the ambassador families.

Over the past couple of years we have had more summer registrations. If you are willing to serve as a St. Augustine Ambassador family, please contact the school office. We try to match up new families with families that have children in the same grade. **It will be extremely helpful to know which families we can call on as new students are registered.** If you are interested in volunteering to help welcome new families to our school, please contact Ms. Bowles in the school office at bbowles@staug-md.org.

The HSA would like to thank everyone who purchased an eco-friendly bag. The bags were distributed today. Unfortunately, due to an error on the part of the company, we had some shortages. If you do not receive your complete order today, it will be coming home soon. If you believe there is an error with your order, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Schallmo at pschallmo@verizon.net.

St. Augustine Athletic Association News...This spring the CYO coaches and coordinators have been working on many changes to our basketball program to enhance and improve the children's experience. We are restructuring the entire program to improve skill levels to help our children be more competitive and to bring more fun and school pride to the program. Some of those key changes include the following:



- ▶ Creating CYO and clinic coaching manuals that will teach the basics of basketball to create consistency and mastery of skills. This will increase game knowledge and competition levels for our players.
- ▶ Initiating mandatory coaching clinics to ensure our coaches know what to teach and how to teach it to maximize the learning experience for our kids.
- ▶ Initiating earlier registration for the winter clinic and CYO basketball to allow more time for planning and preseason practice.
- ▶ Adding a summer clinic for CYO basketball players and any other interested students to give our kids an opportunity to refresh their skills during the off season. We're looking forward to having fun and competitive games every Wednesday night starting July 1st.
- ▶ Adding a fall pre-season tournament to complement the spring season-ending tournament and give the kids another chance to just have fun.
- ▶ Increasing the amount of winter practice time for the winter basketball season to help our kids improve their skills and knowledge of the game.
- ▶ Issuing shooting shirts to all our CYO basketball players to help inspire our kids' school spirit.

We want all interested St. Augustine kids to have the opportunity to experience the benefits of competitive sports while feeling the pride that goes with representing their school and community.

Summer clinic and CYO registrations are due by **June 5th**. Please contact Bill Mills with any CYO questions or Annemarie Hoffman with any summer clinic questions.

St. Mary's Basketball Camp for boys and girls entering grades 1-9 will be held June 15-19. Terri Daniels is one of the coaches. For more information, please visit <http://www.stmaryschurch.org>. A limited number of registration forms are available in the school office.