



# The St. Augustine Monthly

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A School You Can Have Faith In † May 2010

## From the Principal's Desk...

May is always an extremely hectic month. Many important and wonderful events occur during this month of flowers, clear days and blue skies. We honor our Blessed Mother, our own mothers and welcome a new group of children to the Lord's Table for Eucharist. The calendar fills up with end of the year events like field day and school performances and field trips. Teachers are fitting in the last bits of learning, while working on summer reading lists and planning ahead for the new school year. We prepare to say good-bye to our graduates and some families whose youngest child is leaving our school. We bid a very fond farewell to the Amponsah, Cannon, Connolly, Franchy, Larkin, Lewis, Penaso, Rico, Rynn, and Weglein families and are very grateful for the many ways they have enriched and served our community. At the same time, we are preparing to welcome over 100 new families. Last year we had less than 30 new families. Thanks to all those who have come forward to serve as ambassador families for our newcomers. Contact information and guidelines about the role and responsibilities of ambassador families will be sent home at the end of this week. We are still in need of 20 volunteers for this very important work. We need 1 family for each of grades 2, 3 and 5, 6 for kindergarten, and 3, 4, and 5 for grades 6, 7 and 8 respectively. If you can help, please contact, Ms. Bowles in the school office.

I am happy to report that nearly all of the teachers are returning next year and we are adding some new positions to meet the needs of an increased student population. I hope to have more detailed information about this in the next newsletter. Mr. Joseph Miller, an outstanding math and science teacher from St. William of York School will be joining next year's middle school team in place of Ms. Joyner. Mrs. Amy Weatherholtz will be leaving her post as the kindergarten aide and Before Care leader in order to begin her full time education in early childhood education. We wish both Ms. Joyner and Mrs. Weatherholtz much good fortune and happiness in their future endeavors.

The survey for the St. Augustine School strategic plan will be launched on Friday. A link to the survey will be located on the school website at [www.staug-md.org](http://www.staug-md.org). It is critical that every family complete the survey. The data provided by this instrument is critical to planning our future growth and continuing school improvement. It is a fairly brief survey and is focusing on this current school year. Please be sure to make your voice and opinions heard. The more voices are heard, the more valid and reliable is the data. We have an important role to play in making our great school even better!

Today is National Teacher Appreciation Day. I am very grateful for the outstanding service and untiring dedication of the St. Augustine School faculty. So much work goes on behind the scenes. One simple example is the time and effort that our teachers put into continuing their study to improve their craft and their own knowledge. We will be highlighting some of these experiences each month. Please be sure to read about Ms. Satalin's recent history weekend on page 3. Our students are so fortunate to have such caring teachers and I am very privileged to serve with them. I hope you will all join me in offering prayers of petition and thanksgiving for our wonderful teachers.

*~Mrs. Patricia Schratz, Principal*

### ★FIELD DAY VOLUNTEER FORM★

May 19, 2010

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

I will volunteer for Field Day on Wednesday, May 19 at the following time:

8:00 AM-12:30 PM

8:00 AM-10:00 AM

10:00-12:30 PM

**Please return to Mrs. Broglie no later than Friday, May 14. Thank you!**

## Important Volunteer Reminders

The required 20 hours of volunteer service must be completed by each family no later than **Friday, May 21, 2010**. (This is the same date as the School's Out Supper). Any hours not completed by this date will be billed at a rate of \$20 per hour. Invoices for service hours not completed will be sent home on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and are expected to be paid by Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are unsure how many hours you have served or have any questions regarding the volunteer program, please contact Mrs. Marc in the school office at [cmarc@staug-md.org](mailto:cmarc@staug-md.org).

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to the many families who continue to go above and beyond the call of duty to volunteer more than the required 20 hours. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated by the teachers and students at St. Augustine's and we couldn't do all that we do with your generous support!

We hope you will join us on **Monday, May 17** at 6 PM for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner! The band will also perform at the dinner. This year's final HSA meeting and elections will be held immediately following the dinner. Parents are encouraged to run for an office on the Home & School Association Executive Committee. This is a great way to get involved in your child's school and make a real difference in the St. Augustine School community. To nominate yourself or someone else for a position, please contact Mrs. Schratz or Mrs. Deborah Goodman.

## 6th Annual Race for Education Takes Off!

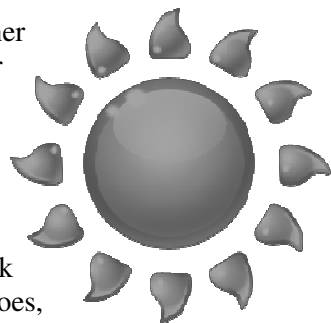


Our 6th Annual Race for Education was a huge success! We are very happy to announce that more than **\$21,000** has already been received in donations! All contributions are due no later than **Friday, May 28**. The class that raises the most money will receive a pizza party and extra recess. The top three students who raise the most money will each receive \$50. Thank you for supporting this important fundraiser!

**A BIG THANK YOU** to our sponsors who generously supported this year's Race: *BB&T Elkridge Branch, CAC Direct Marketing Services, The Hair Station (Debbie Marc), Cindy's Soft Serve (Quick Family), Bakery Express, Craig Dunklee Screenprinting, and Herbert Electric*. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

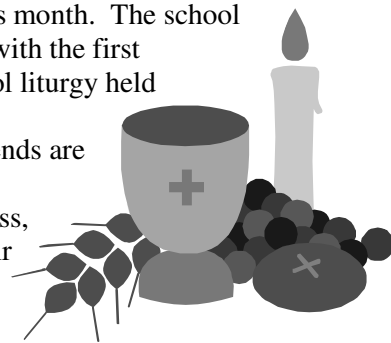
## School's Out Supper

Don't miss our end-of-year dinner and bash to kick-off the summer on **Friday, May 21, 2010**, 4-8 PM! The School's Out Supper will feature a delicious, all-you-can eat homemade feast of pit beef, pit ham, pit turkey, Italian sausage and peppers, pork and sausage, country fried potatoes, corn, baked beans, desserts and drinks. In addition, there will be a DJ for dancing, awesome silent auction items to bid on, fun games and face painting for the kids, and a 50/50 raffle. This is an event you won't want to miss! For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Mobley at [smobley@staug-md.org](mailto:smobley@staug-md.org). **Note: This is the last day to earn volunteer hours for the current school year!**



## First Holy Communion

Our prayers and heartfelt congratulations are extended to our second grade students who are making their First Holy Communion this month. The school community will celebrate with the first communicants at our school liturgy held on **Thursday, May 13** at 9 AM. All parents and friends are invited to worship with us. Immediately following Mass, the second graders and their parents will be honored with a special brunch.



## Vacation Bible School

Explore the wonders of the word! Vacation Bible School will be held **July 12-16 from 9 AM-12:15 PM**. VBS is an excellent opportunity for your child to grow closer to God while having fun and making new friends this summer. Forms are available in the back of church, in the REP Office or online at [www.staugustinechurch.org](http://www.staugustinechurch.org). For questions or more information, please contact Mrs. Cathy Carlin at 410-796-8150.

## Science Fair

Judges are needed for this year's Middle School Science Fair on **Monday, May 10**. If you have a science/math/social sciences background and would like to be a judge, please contact the school office. Thank you!

## Hats Off to the Class of 2010!

St. Augustine's Class of 2010 will celebrate its commencement on **Thursday, May 27** at 7 p.m. The graduation will be celebrated at a baccalaureate Mass presided by Father Bowen. Following Mass, graduates and their immediate family will be honored at a special reception in the hall. Congratulations and best wishes to our graduates:

**Davida Amponsah  
Scott Beautz  
Patrick Bibeau  
Courtney Bittinger  
Michael Bosley  
Josie Bulla  
Erin Cannon  
Katherine Connolly  
Luke Filar  
Matthew Franchy  
Isabelle Jadik  
Timothy Larkin  
Rebecca Lewis  
Patrick McCardle  
Kristel Penaso  
James Peyla  
William Quick  
Faith Rico  
Makenzie Rynn  
Travis Schuman  
Thomas Shoemaker  
Michael Weglein**



**Ryan Weglein  
Michael Zerhusen**



## Final Boxtops Contest

**Great Box Tops News!**

**Congratulations to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade for winning the Box Tops Extra Recess/Brownies Contest!** Thanks to everyone who participated in the contest because that makes our school the true winner. We collected **\$286.90** for this contest bringing the total this year to **\$1,521.10**.

Thanks for the support and start saving for the fall Pizza Party Contest. A very special thank you to **Mrs. Joseline Castanos** for coordinating the boxtops program this year!

## Save the Date... Barnes & Noble Book Fair & Pizza Uno's



Please join us on **Tuesday, May 11** at the Barnes & Noble in Ellicott City (Long Gate Parkway) for our **Book Fair!** This is a great opportunity to purchase your child's summer reading materials. Every student that attends and makes a purchase will receive a "free dress pass" OR "no homework pass" at the register. There will be a special appearance by "ARTHUR" for the younger students, as well as book readings by Mrs. Filar and Ms. Mackay. Please stop by Pizzeria Uno's before or after the Book Fair and enjoy a delicious meal and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to our school!

## Math Masters

Congratulations to the following students who achieved "Math Master" in April:

**Grade 3:** Elise Baker, Timothy Fair, Katrina Manabat, Monica Mercurio, Arielle Rivera, John Shinnamon, Samuel Shoemaker, Thomas Skrynecki, Lucie Vrooman, Kristen Zaranski.

**Grade 4:** Noah Bahur, Nicole Beautz, Andrew Black, Abbey Bulla, Dominique Buteau, Matthew Elias, Olivia Gretz, Rachel Hall, Julia Hoffman, Eddie Madera, Mary Marc, Adam Mills, Greg Peterson, John Peyla, Jessica Schneck, Chloe Shoemaker, Jesse Whitehead, Maya Yearwood.

**Grade 5:** Jenny Davis, Emily Dunham, Hope Dunphy, Sam Goodman, Dominic Rivera.

## Faculty Professional Development

Ms. Satalin recently attended a 4-day seminar at James Madison's Montpelier to learn more about the Constitution. Ms. Satalin was educated on Madison's life, founding fathers, Federalist/Anti-Federalist issues,