

Jesus is the Way

The Saint Augustine NEWS

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to those of you who are returning to St. Augustine School, and welcome to our new families joining us for the first time. We have 7 new students in grades 3-8 this year, and we want to make all of them feel welcome. We are looking forward to another successful year, and the teachers have been hard at work preparing for the start of the New Year since August 2nd. The teachers are not required to report that early, but the fact that all of them begin preparations early is a sign of their dedication.



The first question many people ask is about enrollment at the start of the year. On the first day of school we had a total of 185 students enrolled. We had 188 enrolled at the end of last year. Although our goal will always be to increase our enrollment, we are pleased to have approximately the same number of students. Mrs. Kammer's preschool enrollment has increased and only one of three sessions has openings. Our Kindergarten class is 16 which more than replaced the 13 graduates who left us last spring. The economy of southeast Michigan continues to struggle, but the fact that enrollment is steady is a great sign for St. Augustine School.

We will offer Music, Gym, Spanish, Computer, and Art classes with teachers from Merritt Academy again this year. Mrs. Reen Shannon is returning as our Art teacher, and we will have four new teachers. We are grateful for our relationship with Merritt Academy and the teachers they provide for these classes.

If you have thought about using our Latch Key program, I want to encourage you to do so. This is an important year for Latch Key to break even or show a profit. The parents who have utilized Mrs. Bertossi's Latch Key know that it is run very efficiently.

St. Augustine School has a reputation for academic excellence and a dedicated staff will make sure that it continues this year. The excitement for the New Year is obvious in the faces of our students and staff as we try to make this the best year ever at St. Augustine School.

Sincerely,
Jerry Bagierek, Principal

BACK TO SCHOOL SCRIP UPDATE

Welcome back! The SCRIP team is roaring to start the New Year! Last year we set a record for tuition reduction and fundraising for our school! This just made us hungry for more! See the SCRIP 2009-2010 Financial Statement included in this newsletter! You will be amazed at what our school has achieved!

- **IMPORTANT ORDER DUE DATE CHANGE** - To accommodate the SCRIP team's changing schedules, this year ...

ALL ORDERS AND PAYMENTS (ONLINE & PAPER) WILL BE DUE MONDAYS BY 2:30 p.m.

Orders will still be ready for pick up Fridays by 11:00 a.m.!

- **MERCHANTS CHANGE** – Our merchants change frequently. They discontinue participation, join our program and change denominations available and percentage. If you are able to, please place orders online to avoid errors. If you must place a paper order, please check the paper order's date in the upper right hand corner. This summer we got a paper order form dated June 2008! ☺ Current order forms are always available on our school website or in the office.
- **KROGER** – If you are unsure if you relinked properly or are not seeing "Donating to St. Augustine" at the bottom of your Kroger receipt, please call Kroger at 1-877-576-7587.
- **DISPERSAL** – Sept. 15 is the first dispersal cut-off day. Those who linked with Kroger Community Rewards will see TWO Kroger quarters on this statement! Sweet! Quarter 4 (Feb, Mar & Apr of 2010) will earn at 50% and Quarter 1 (May, June, July) earners will keep 100% of their earnings! What a great way to start the year!



- **NEW MERCHANT ALERT!!!** – Tivoli's is offering a Coupon Card for \$10!!! There is a coupon for ONE FREE Large One Topping Pizza, which almost pays for the card by itself. There are 11 other coupons for Buy One Get One Free pizza, bread coupons and more! See the office for more info! *The percentage is 90%!!! You will earn \$4.50 in tuition rebates for each card you sell!*
- **MERCHANT REMINDERS** – We added some new merchants last spring that we wanted to remind you of again! We now have Tim Horton's(5%), Ken's Country Kitchen(15%), Hungry Howie's(10%) and Richmond Farmer's Market(10%)! Stop in and grab some from the office!
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – We are in need of volunteers to help with the Friday morning sort, especially in November and December! Please consider joining our team to earn your service credits! Check the volunteer sign-up sheet at Meet the Teacher Night.

- **KROGER QUARTER 1 EARNINGS ARE IN!!!!** *We did better than last year!* **Our check was for \$22,500!!!** Last year our Kroger Q1 check was for \$21,900, so we INCREASED despite the competition! (See chart on last page).

ALL KROGER EARNERS MUST BE TURNED IN BY SEPTEMBER 15TH FOR DISPERSAL, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

You do NOT need to turn in people who earned for you last year, people who are already on your reports. We just need the new ones you have added. We can email you an advance breakdown of your earners and amounts. Email us at AugustineSCRIP@comcast.net or call the office if you need a print copy.



Cook's Corner would like to welcome everyone back to a new school year! We have added some new restaurants to our program, and have brought back some of our favorites from last year. Our first Cook's Night Off will be September 28, 2010 at Texas Roadhouse located at 23 Mile and Gratiot in Chesterfield. For each family that brings in the flyer between 4-10pm that night, Texas Roadhouse will contribute 10% of the proceeds to St. Augustine School. Additionally, we will be sponsoring a bake sale in their lobby during the fundraiser hours in which all proceeds go directly to St. A's. We will be asking for volunteers to contribute baked goods such as pies, cakes, cookies, breads, and cupcakes. Stay tuned for further information.

2009-2010 SCRIP FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

SEP 2009 DISPENSAL***	Participants	Kroger	TOTAL Dispersed**
School	85	\$10,980.87	\$15,602.14
Faith Formation	16	\$458.62	\$712.82
Promiles Enrollment	1	\$347.33	\$215.82
TOTAL	102	\$11,587.02	\$16,684.67

**No Involvement of SWS & CAC multiple because Ministry was under construction

Average Dispersed per Family
TOTAL 2009 St. A. Profit \$11,803.71

JAN 2010 DISPENSAL	Participants	KROGER	SWS	CAC	TOTAL Dispersed**
School	106	\$4,991.41	\$1,118.89	\$1,154.91	\$8,719.90
FF	28	\$332.12	\$111.41	\$85.70	\$558.36
PE	1	\$86.92	\$69.00	\$52.98	\$189.02
TOTAL	135	\$4,818.45	\$1,298.10	\$1,207.58	\$7,484.38

Average Dispersed per Family
TOTAL 110 St. A. Profit \$13,684.17

APRIL 2010 DISPENSAL	Participants	KROGER	SWS	CAC	TOTAL Dispersed**
School	97	\$3,970.64	\$1,099.86	\$538.41	\$4,884.05
FF	25	\$321.50	\$11.50	\$61.10	\$394.35
PE	5	\$138.47	\$26.78	\$52.98	\$218.70
TOTAL	125	\$4,430.61	\$1,138.13	\$647.88	\$6,216.62

Average Dispersed per Family
TOTAL 118 St. A. Profit \$13,827.78

TOTAL ST. A TUITION DISPENSALS (Sept, Jan, Apr)	\$19,546.88
TOTAL ST. A SCRIP PROFIT***	\$98,613.62

***Columnar do not add up occurs due to donation credits, scholarships, etc. *** SCRIP expenses NOT reflected in this total. CAC purchases, administrative costs, etc.

KROGER May 2009-April 2010	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	END TOTALS
Check amount	\$21,925.81	\$15,303.08	\$13,961.67	\$13,188.37	\$64,379.89
Dispersed to Tuiton	\$11,587.02	\$4,811.59	\$4,430.81	\$4,122.12	\$24,951.54
St. A Profit	\$10,358.79	\$10,481.49	\$9,531.06	\$9,067.25	\$39,448.59
Average Family Roberts	\$148.39	\$44.35	\$37.01	\$34.35	\$264.30
100% Profit Earners	\$6,852.44	\$5,679.90	\$5,100.45	\$4,945.13	\$26,578.71