

## **News from Mrs. Faessel—November 30, 2018**

### **Upcoming deadlines and dates**

- Reading and math night featuring the Scholastic book fair is Thursday, December 6, from 5:30-7:00 PM.
- Christmas concert for grades K-5 is Thursday, December 13, at 7:00 PM.

### **Students of the Week**

Congratulations to our students of the week: Breanna Stipe, Michael Micale, Albert Scales, Elizabeth Castilla, Jada Speegle, Brittany Curtis, Bridget Carsey, August Williams, Jalynn Husk, and Madeline Huxtable, who have been demonstrating our character trait for November, JOY! Their joyful attitudes make St. Augustine School a better place!

### **Reading and Math Night on December 6**

The teachers are finalizing plans for our reading and math night, scheduled for Thursday, December 6, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, featuring the Scholastic book fair. Drop in during that time to shop at the book fair, participate in some math and reading activities, and have a great time!

### **Please Help Us with Behavior**

As we settle into our second quarter, the teachers and I are seeing some behaviors that are hampering our students' progress. While we are addressing and will continue to address these behaviors at school, we are asking that you also work on them at home. Together we can achieve so much more.

Troubling behavior that is getting in the way of learning:

- Eye rolling when addressed or asked a question
- Talking back/talking when asked not to
- Poor manners at the table
- Staying seated during instruction
- Laughing at others who are being reprimanded or corrected
- Chewing gum (we have some repeat offenders who continue to pop a fresh wad in their mouths just after being told to spit the previous wad out)
- Using cell phones in the restroom to take pictures and post on social media (this seems to be an upper grade girl thing)

### **Book Fair Help Needed**

If you are available to volunteer at our Scholastic book fair at any point during December 3-6, please contact Mrs. Nary at [ruthanne.nary@staugschool.net](mailto:ruthanne.nary@staugschool.net). We are in need of some helpers during the school day to facilitate book selection and payment.

### **St. Augustine School Students Serve Others!**

One of our school improvement plan strategies is to incorporate more service projects into our school year in an effort to show our students that they are called to serve and that they are blessed to have as much as they do have. This month, our kindergarten, first, and second graders are collecting mittens to be distributed at the parish Christmas dinner to those who need them, with the remainder being donated to the Community Pregnancy Center. The purpose of this project is to collect new mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and socks for those individuals within our community who are in need. This project will run from December 3 to 14.

Our seventh graders are collecting new and gently used backpacks, book bags, and tote bags to be used to pack necessary hygiene products for those in shelters and those living on the streets. While we have plenty of hygiene products, we are in need of those backpacks, book bags, and tote bags to place the items in for distribution. This project will also run from December 3 to 14, giving the seventh graders plenty of time to pack the backpacks, book bags, and tote bags.

### **Snow Days**

As we head into winter weather, the possibility of closing school due to snow or temperatures increases. If it is necessary to close school unexpectedly, we first do an all-call to notify parents of the closure. Then we notify the local news stations (WKYC, Fox8, WOIO, WKDD). Finally, we post a notice on our school Facebook page and send a school Remind message. Make sure to update your contact information at school in case anything has changed.

Also, and this is important, **St. Augustine School closes independently of Barberton City Schools and Akron Public Schools.** Either or both of those may be closed, but we may be open. In the event that Barberton and/or Akron closes due to weather and we are open, there will be no transportation from the closed district(s). If Barberton operates under a two hour delay, students who ride the Barberton bus may arrive two hours late on the Barberton bus without attendance penalty. Akron does not implement two hour delays.

### **Facebook Page St. Augustine School—Barberton**

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