

## News from Mrs. Faessel—March 2, 2018

- EdChoice registration on Thursday, March 8 from 5:00-6:15 PM
- Spring conferences for K-8 on Thursday, March 8, from 4:00-7:00 PM
- Sixth through eighth grade presentation of the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 16, at 1:30 PM and 7:00 PM
- Lenten reconciliation for grades 2-8 on Monday, March 19, at 9:00 AM
- Spring pictures on Tuesday, March 20
- Sixth grade parent meeting about Camp Christopher on Tuesday, March 20, at 6:30 PM
- First grade field trip to the Seiberling Naturealm on Friday, April 20
- Ohio State Testing from March 26 through May 11 for grades three through eight (specific testing dates for each grade will be sent home)
- Mid-day prayer on Thursday, March 29, at 12:05 PM
- Easter vacation from Friday, March 30, through Sunday, April 8.
- Eighth grade graduation picture on Tuesday, April 10
- Jesus day for second graders on Saturday, April 14
- Spring MAP testing for students in kindergarten through eighth grade from April 23 through May 4
- First Communion on Saturday, April 28, at 11:00 AM

### School Safety

Recent events in Florida, Canal Fulton, and Jackson Township frightened parents and others who interact with children. St. Augustine School strives to do everything possible to protect the students. We conduct safety drills every month and talk frequently with the students about how to respond in a crisis. We were among the first Catholic schools in the Diocese of Cleveland to embrace ALICE (Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate) training after Sandy Hook. But we need your help. Please have frank and honest (but age-appropriate) discussions with your children about what they can and cannot say at school. Any mention of a weapon or any verbal threat of physical violence will result in serious consequences, beginning with suspension and ending with expulsion and police reports. We just do not live in a culture where we can joke or kid about such serious actions.

Later this spring, St. Augustine School will have its full-scale evacuation drill involving the Barberton Police Department and Barberton Fire Department, as mandated by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Attorney General's office. While our seventy page crisis plan is on file with ODE and St. Augustine School is in full compliance with all safety requirements, I will be sharing key components of the plan in coming weeks so that you are as informed as the children.

### **Registration for 2018-2019**

Current students were given priority for registration for next school year, 2018-2019. At least three registration forms have been sent home for students who did not return the form by the initial deadline. Parents were informed that on February 1, open spots would begin to be filled with new students. With the closing of our neighbor school, St. Paul School, we are filling those openings. Registration for 2018-2019 is now on a first come-first come basis.

### **St. Augustine Preschool Malley's Candy Sale**

Enclosed in this week's Friday folder is an order form for the Malley's Chocolates Easter fundraiser at the preschool. Everyone loves chocolate! Orders are due Thursday, March 8, to the school for submission on March 9 and orders will be delivered by March 26. You may also order online at <https://malley's.com/fundraising/campaign/st-augustine-preschool>. Please consider participating in this great fundraiser. Proceeds will be used for facility beautification.

### **Stations of the Cross**

The sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students will be leading Stations of the Cross for the parish on Friday, March 16, at 1:30 PM and again at 7:00 PM. Students must be in attendance for this music performance. Miss Schweitzer has sent home guidelines about this performance.