

**August 30, 2019**



## **News from Mrs. Faessel**

### **Akron and Barberton Busing**

If you reside in Akron, your child is eligible to receive transportation to and from school. While Akron Public does the routing for this service, transportation is actually provided by Petermann Bus, a third party provider. If your child is eligible for transportation but not yet receiving it, please contact our school office for the Request for Transportation Form. Return the form to school with a current utility bill. This process can take a couple of weeks to complete. When your child is routed, we will send home the route information (pick-up and drop-off, as well as bus stop location). Please be aware that the law states that bus stops can be up to ½ mile from the residence.

Barberton also provides transportation for its residents. Please contact the Barberton bus garage at (330) 753-1025 x13141 for details.

Akron and Barberton busing seem to be running smoothly, especially for this point in the school year, and for that we are grateful!

### **Volleyball Games**

We are fortunate to have two teams of girls' CYO volleyball this fall. Please consider supporting our girls at one of their games. They would be delighted to see you!

#### **Grades 4-6**

- 8/31 at 12 PM at Sacred Heart, Wadsworth
- 9/7 at 1 PM at Holy Family, Stow
- 9/8 at 2 PM at Sacred Heart, Wadsworth
- 9/14 at 9 AM at Holy Family, Stow
- 9/15 at 3 PM at Holy Family, Stow
- 9/21 at 12 PM at St. Sebastian, Akron
- 10/5 at 11 AM at St. Sebastian, Akron

#### **Grades 7-8**

- 9/7 at 2 PM and 3 PM at St. Francis Xavier, Medina
- 9/15 at 1 PM and 2 PM at Sacred Heart, Wadsworth
- 9/21 at 12 PM and 3 PM at St. Francis Xavier, Medina
- 9/29 at 2 PM and 3 PM at St. Sebastian, Akron
- 10/6 at 1 PM at St. Francis Xavier, Medina

### **Attendance**

Students have the best chance to learn when they are present at school, all day, every day. But children do get sick, and when they are sick, they should stay at home. If your child needs to miss school, please call our office before 8:00 AM to report the absence. When your child

returns to school, send a dated note explaining the nature of the absence. Absence from school is excused when it is for personal illness, quarantine of the home due to illness, and deaths in the family, as long as you call to report the absence and you send a note to school when your child returns. Absences of three or more days require a doctor's excuse.

### **Free and Reduced Breakfast and Lunch Applications**

All St. Augustine School students may be eligible for free or reduced price breakfast and lunch. Applications were sent home in the beginning of the year folder. If your child has been preapproved for free or reduced price breakfast and lunch, you should have received a letter with that information. If your child qualified last year, you still have to reapply this year before October 1. You may apply for free and reduced price lunch at any time during the school year if your situation warrants doing so.

### **Acme Receipts**

If you shop at Acme, save your grocery receipts that say "Community Cashback" at the bottom and send them to school. St. Augustine School receives 5% of the total "Community Cashback" submitted to our school. Last year, that amount was over \$1000, which we used to purchase additional bulletin boards for our school hallways.

### **EdChoice Scholarships**

If your child's EdChoice scholarship has been awarded, you have received an acceptance form to complete and return to St. Augustine School. Additional forms will be available in September for anyone who has lost the form or never received one.

St. Augustine School currently has forty-one students whose scholarships have not yet been awarded. We know this is a frustrating process for those of you for whom scholarships have not been awarded, but we urge you to wait out the process. If the Ohio Department of Education has requested additional information, like an updated utility bill or income verification documentation, please send that immediately to school so we can help get your child's scholarship awarded. Sixteen of those forty-one are just waiting on Akron Public Schools to review them.

### **Box Tops for Education**

The Box Tops for Education program has changed. Participants no longer need to clip the Box Tops from products, send them in, and have the school count and submit the totals. Now you can help St. Augustine School from the comfort of your own home! Simply download the Box Tops for Education app, choose St. Augustine School Barberton as your school, scan your grocery receipts, and watch the earnings accumulate! We have currently earned \$204.60 of our \$1000 goal.

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