

Halo Report

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St. Augustine



Father Patrick A. Smith
Pastor

Sister Gloria Agumagu, HHCJ
Principal

Mission Statement:

St. Augustine Catholic School's primary task is the communication of the person and message of Christ. We provide this through standards based curriculum, community service and leadership opportunities in a global society.

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09/02 Half Day 12:30p dismissal
After Care available
09/05 Labor Day—NO SCHOOL
09/18 Catechetical Sunday—
Blessing of the Staff

Principal's Corner

Yesterday, Saint Augustine School opened its doors to welcome our students, parents and staff for the 2011-2012 school year. By the end of the day, it was very clear that Saint Augustine could not operate without the help and dedication put forth by our faculty, staff, and most importantly, by you the parents. Our success as an elementary school is not simply attributed to good leadership and hard-working employees; we are able to grow and prosper as a school community because of the strong relationships we have with our parents, our transition team, our pastor, our parish, and our donors; all who have given us loyal support along the way.

More and more of our students are applying, enrolling and graduating from very reputable high schools. Saint Augustine is a challenging school with strong Christian values. Our strong academic program and the availability of so many extra-curricular activities, including fencing, basketball, chess, dance, music, and photography, keep our students interested and engaged at Saint Augustine.

We recognize that it is easy to get lost and confused at the beginning of the school year, especially for new students and parents who are transitioning from a familiar environment to an entirely new setting. With this in mind, please feel free to stop by the school office if there is ever anything you need.

Once again, we welcome you to our school—the home of the Saints, where, like Saint Augustine, our patron saint, love to learn and we learn to love.

Sincerely,

Sister Gloria Agumagu, HHCJ





Meet Hakeem

Birthday: January 9th

Favorite subject: Math

Favorite food: Pizza

Where's your family from? Washington, DC

Hobbies: Boxing, Football, Basketball

Something you need to work on in school this year:

My grades and better study habits

Favorite book:

The Diary of a Wimpy Kid

People who are important to you: My Parents

Future goals:

To become a Computer Engineer

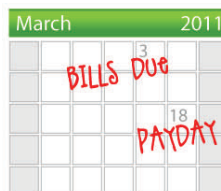


Important information regarding your account at St. Augustine

- St. Augustine Catholic School's returned check policy is \$35 per check. In the unfortunate circumstance that your bank does not honor your check, you will be required to bring in the amount of the check and the fee in the form of a money order or certified check by the specified deadline.



- All parents, who have not done so already, are required to fill out the "services requested" form attached and return to the office by Friday September 2nd, 2011
- All tuition payments are to be made through Smart Tuition by the due date that you have specified (either the 5th or the 20th of the month). Parents will be switched over to direct debit in the event that you made a late payment or there was a failed payment on your account. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

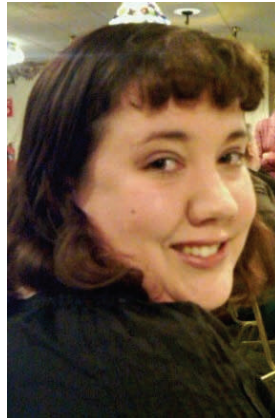


- All account inquires (regarding financial matters only) must be made in writing at the office or via e-mail at: accounts@saintaugustine-dc.org.
- All parents are required to complete and turn in their Smart Tuition form by **Friday September 2nd, 2011**. A blank form is attached for your use.



Meet Mrs. McMullin, Title I Teacher

Mrs. Rachel McMullin graduated from Frostburg State University in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in Elementary/ Middle School Education. She graduated from Western Governor's University in 2009 with a master's degree in Elementary Mathematics Education. She has been teaching in both public and private schools for 7 years. This is her second year teaching Title 1 with Learn It Systems. "I believe every child has the ability and right to learn. It is my job as their teacher to give them every opportunity to be able to understand the information presented," she said.



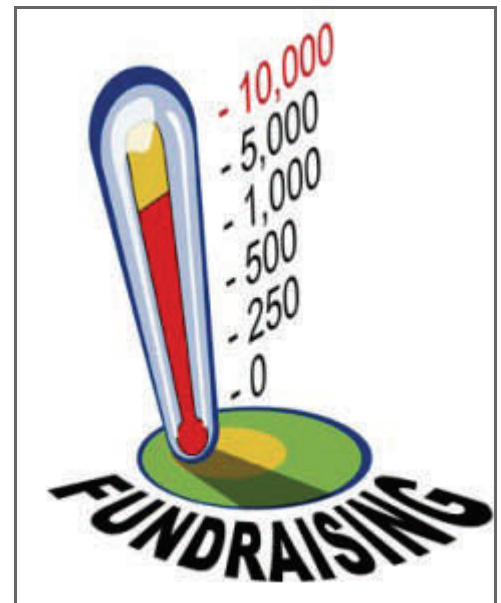
"Differentiated instruction in Title 1 is a major contributor to enable success with students." She looks forward to working with students, teachers, and parents at St. Augustine School. When not in the classroom, she

enjoys living on her farm with her husband in Frederick, MD.

Signature Fundraising is here!

School fundraisers aim to instill one major valuable lesson into the minds of the student body; when you want something you need to work for it. This lesson is carried through all age groups from elementary school straight up to college fundraising efforts. The message is the same because it carries through into the real world.

Saint Augustine Catholic School undertakes fundraising efforts to financially support sports teams, activities, school trips or even to pay for the improvement of the school building. Your child will be bringing home their Signature Fundraising information packets today.



Important Information

Have you purchased your student planner?

- All students should have the Saint Augustine Catholic School Student Planner. It is available for purchase in the school office. The cost is \$5.00.



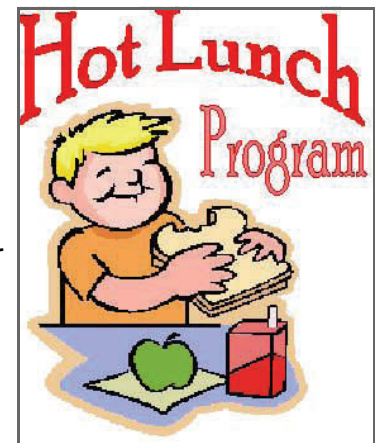
Have you submitted your Emergency Contact Form?

- It is important that every student have their forms submitted to the office by Friday, September 2nd.
- Reminder: the first homeroom to submit all their forms will be rewarded with an Ice Cream Social!



Hot Lunch Order Forms

- If your child does not have automatic lunch billing, please use the attached order form to order lunch for next week.



Service Request Forms

- If you have not done so as yet, please complete the attached form in order to register for Before & After Care, Hot Lunch Automatic billing, and graduation fees (if applicable).



**St. Augustine School
Faculty & Staff
2011-2012**



New After Care Procedures:

When arriving to pick up your child, please stop by the office. Your child will be brought up to the office. For safety reasons, we ask that parents not attempt to retrieve the child on their own. All students must be signed out in the main office.



Faculty & Staff

- Mrs. McDonald, Pre-K
- Mrs. Grymes, Pre-K Aide
- Ms. Latney, Kindergarten
- Mrs. Bradford, Kindergarten Aide
- Ms. Wilson, First Grade
- Mrs. McDonnell, Second Grade
- Ms. Tsimberg, Third Grade
- Ms. Monroe, Fourth Grade
- Mrs. Hanton, Fifth Grade
- Mr. Riley, Sixth Grade
- Mrs. Lee, Seventh Grade/Vice-Principal
- Ms. Cropper, Eighth Grade
- Mr. Wilkins, Resource Specialist/Vice-Principal
- Mrs. Sockwell, Counselor
- Mrs. Williams, Technology
- Mrs. Durrani, Science
- Mr. Mosqueda, Art/Spanish
- Mr. Perrow, Physical Education
- Mr. Goddard, Music
- Sr. Jane Onyeneri, HHCJ, Resource Specialist
- Sr. Emmanuela Ladipo, HHCJ, DRE
- Sr. Lucy Dei, HHCJ, Resource Specialist
- Mrs. Joseph, Administrative Assistant
- Ms. Baker, Office Manager