



Principal's Corner

August has arrived and that means that school will begin in a few weeks. We are very excited about the new school year. The beginning of the year is a great opportunity to begin fresh, set new goals and strive towards greatness. We have been working diligently towards preparing for the new school year. As summer vacation draws to an end, students and parents begin making preparations for the start of school. The first day of school is Tuesday, August 30th, 2011. On August 26th, we will have a Back to School Meet & Greet at 5:00pm. We encourage new and returning parents to attend. Students and parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's teachers, gather information regarding joining the Home School Association (HSA), and have a snack. We are sure that all students will return to school ready and eager to learn. Working together as a team, we are confident that this will be another great year for the Saint Augustine Catholic School family. Please do not hesitate to contact us (202-667-2608), if you have any specific questions or concerns. The office is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., until school begins. Once school begins, the main office will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We hope you enjoy the final days of your vacation.

Sincerely,

Sister Gloria



Love to Learn, Learn to Love

Father Patrick A. Smith

Pastor

Sister Gloria Agumagu, HHCJ

Principal

Mission Statement:

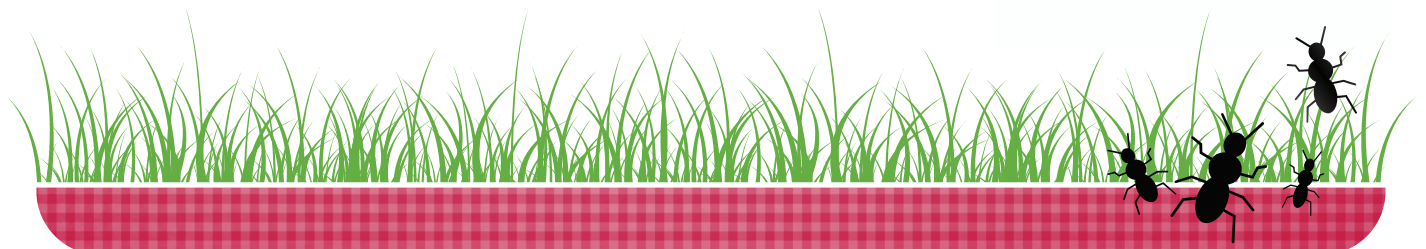
St. Augustine Catholic School's primary task is the communication of the person and message of Christ. We provide this through standards based curriculum, community service and leadership opportunities in a global society.

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08/26	Back to School Meet & Greet @ 5:00p.m.
08/30	First Day of School
09/21	Back to School Night



2011-2012 Motto



***Growing
in
Wisdom.***
- Luke 2:52



Meet Ms. Latney

My name is Alexis Latney, and I am the new Kindergarten teacher. I am delighted to have your child in my class this year. I am a graduate of Florida A& M University and have been teaching for four years. I have taught in both the public and private sector. I have taught 2nd and 3rd grades and believe that I foster a warm, inviting educational environment. I am looking forward to a very successful year and I know you are too. I have high expectations for your child, and I will do all that I can to help your child achieve these expectations. I enjoy reading, yoga and horse-back riding.

Meet Ms. Wilson

My name is Alexa Wilson and I am the new First grade teacher. I graduated from Towson University in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. I believe that all children are capable of learning and deserve an excellent education. I strive to uphold this ideal in my classroom by using a variety of tools and methods to help my students develop mastery of the curriculum standards. My lessons are differentiated not only based on the ability level of the student but also the learning style preferences that my students show. I encourage students to challenge themselves rather than compete against their classmates. I look forward to working with the students, their parents, and the faculty and staff at St. Augustine to create a positive and engaging learning environment. When I am not in the classroom, I love to run, teach ballet, and paint. I look forward to an exciting school year with all of you at St. Augustine!



Meet Ms. Tsimberg



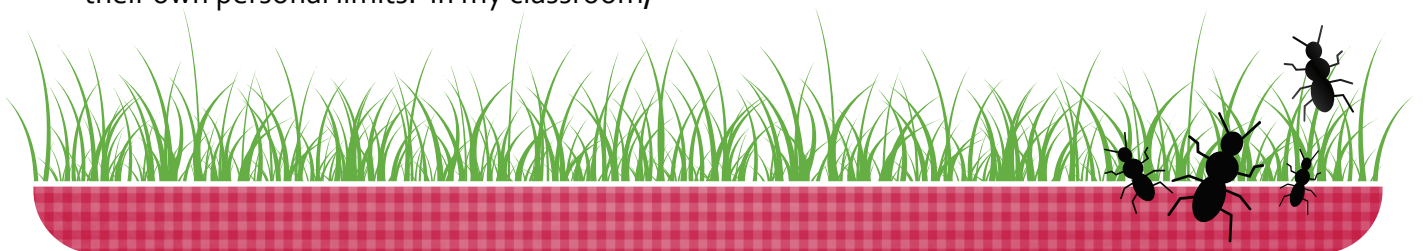
My name is Lana Tsimberg and I am the new Third grade teacher. I am a new D.C. resident. I was born in Ukraine and grew up in Dallas, Texas. I studied Childhood Education at Texas A&M University. After college, I moved to New York City to pursue teaching. I speak Russian fluently. I consider myself a well-rounded, dedicated, and enthusiastic person with many different cultural experiences. I will be able to

provide the third grade students with a multicultural classroom. A classroom that will be open to learning and understanding those who are different from each other, and one that will meet each student's academic and social needs. Having taught in several environments in the past, I believe I have a good grip on classroom management. My classroom management techniques involve having students take active part in being responsible for their own actions. Parents can expect their children to come home with weekly academic and behavioral reports, receiving positive phone calls, and a wide variety of homework assignments.

Meet Ms. Monroe

My name is Lisa Monroe and I am the new Fourth grade teacher. Born and raised in Washington DC, I obtained my undergraduate degree in Psychology from Fisk University located in Nashville, TN. There I developed a strong passion for education, so along with my Psychology degree I completed the Teacher's Education Program concentrating in Elementary/Middle School Education. My concentration in these areas prepared me for working with today's youth. I have taught for nine years in both Washington DC and Prince George's County Public School Systems. My goal here at St. Augustine is to continue to motivate students to do their best and extend their own personal limits. In my classroom,

students must commit to a level of performance that challenges them to reach their full potential. In my spare time, I am a photographer, a Girl Scout Leader, enjoy traveling and listening to music.



Important Dates

August

<i>2nd - 4th</i>	New Principal Orientation
<i>9th</i>	Superintendent Leadership Day
<i>10th - 11th</i>	New Teacher Orientation
	Opening of School Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
<i>22nd</i>	Teacher Orientation
<i>23rd - 29th</i>	<i>Back to School Cook Out 5:00pm</i>
<i>26th</i>	
<i>30th</i>	<i>First Day of School</i>

September

<i>2nd</i>	8:30am Mass
	Half Day - 12:30pm Dismissal
<i>5th</i>	<i>Labor Day - No School</i>
<i>9th</i>	8:30am Mass
	First Response Appreciation Assembly
<i>11th</i>	10:00am Mass - Teacher/Staff Blessing
<i>16th</i>	8:30am Mass
	Back to School Dance
<i>21st</i>	Back to School Night 6:00pm
<i>22nd</i>	Fall Pictures (full uniform)
<i>23rd</i>	8:30am Mass
<i>28th</i>	Progress Reports Go Home
<i>30th</i>	8:30am Mass
	Bake Sale Fundraiser Sponsored by Pre-K & K

October

<i>7th</i>	8:30am Mass
	Half Day - 12:30pm Dismissal
<i>10th</i>	<i>Columbus Day - No School</i>
<i>13th</i>	Mini Walk-A-Thon to Help the Homeless
<i>14th</i>	<i>Professional Development Day - No School</i>
<i>19th - 21st</i>	Principals' Retreat
<i>22nd</i>	8:30am Mass
<i>26th</i>	Home & School Association Meeting 6:00pm
<i>28th</i>	8:30am Mass
	Bake Sale Fundraiser Sponsored by 1st Grade
	End of 1st Quarter



Have you seen our new playground?

The Saint Augustine Catholic School faculty, staff and students would like to express our sincerest appreciation to Greg Hunkins and his family. As an Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project, Greg and a handful of wonderful volunteers offered to build a brand new playground in our court yard! It is through the support of individuals like the Hunkins family that we are able to provide a wonderful educational opportunity to our students. As we enter the new academic year, Saint Augustine students will be very excited to play in the playground they've been wishing and praying for. Thank you for making this dream a reality!



The Yearbooks are here!

Call the office for more information.

Are you ready for the first day of school?

Did you get your supply list?

School Planners/Agenda Books are available in the school 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
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