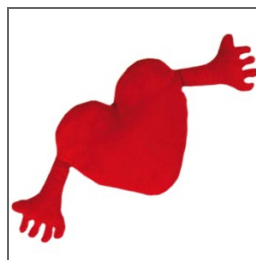


## Principal's Corner

While watching the news this week, I thought about how blessed we all are to have our children. Taking the time to smile upon the good things in your life will help you and your children keep this in perspective. It so easy to get caught up in our busy, stressful, and sometimes even ordinary lives that we don't always take the time to appreciate the beauty in our children, nor do we take the time to teach them to appreciate the positive in their own lives. Ask yourself, "As a parent, what am I most grateful for today?" Is it the sweet kiss that you received as you left for work? Or perhaps that, for a change, the older child helped the younger sibling get ready for school in morning? Maybe your teenager didn't argue with you? Some days the answers will come easily, but on other days feeling appreciative of your child may be somewhat more challenging. These are the days that it is most important to ask yourself the question and search within to find a meaningful answer. This is also an important skill to teach your child. Help them ask themselves before they go to bed, "What was the best thing about today?," and don't accept "nothing" for an answer. Probe them by asking if they made a new friend or even what they had for lunch. If it was a difficult day, it will be harder for your child to find the good in it. This is when it is most important for you to help your child to find the good in it. You probably realize that being a good parent is hard work, but take a little time each day to appreciate the true beauty in your children.

Sincerely,

*Sister Gloria Agumagu, HHCJ*



*St. Augustine*

  
**Catholic School**

*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.*

### Important Reminder

**DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER, WE FOLLOW—DC PUBLIC SCHOOL POLICY.**

**If DC Public School has a 2 hour late start on our 12:30 PM Dismissal days, St. Augustine Catholic School will be closed.**

**Faith. Academics. Service.**

# **Catholic Schools**

**Catholic Schools Week**

**January 29th—February 5th, 2012**

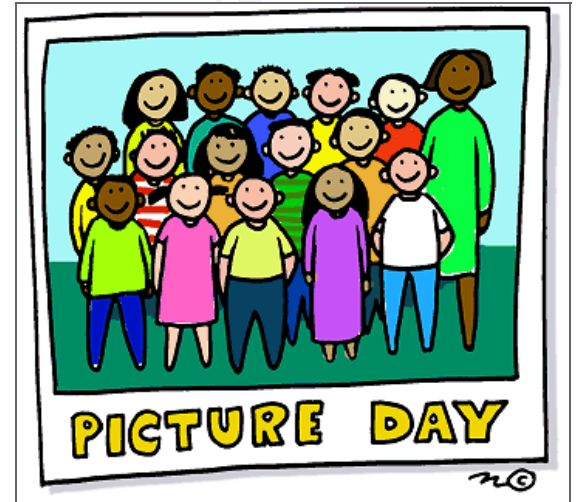
<b>Sunday, January 29th</b>	<b>Special School Mass at 10:00am</b> <b>All Are Invited</b>
<b>Monday, January 30th</b>	<b>Spelling and Math Bee</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 31th</b>	<b>Parents/Grandparents Appreciation Day</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 1st</b>	<b>Student Appreciation Day</b> <b>Blue &amp; White Tag Day</b>
<b>Thursday, February 2nd</b>	<b>Teacher Appreciation Day</b> <b>Teacher Parent Exchange Day</b> <b>Game Day (Faculty/Student Basketball Game)</b>
<b>Friday, February 3rd</b>	<b>Religious Vocation Day</b> <b>Talent/Fashion Show</b>

# Important Information

## Class Picture Day is Thursday!

Students must be dressed in their  
*full school uniform*

(no gym uniforms, please). Order forms were sent home last week. Extra forms are available in the main office.



## Title I Events

Citywide Parent Event

For Parents of Title I Students

*"Focus on Mathematics"*

National Children's Center

3400 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE

Wednesday, January 25th, 2012

(snow date: January 31st)



Poetry Reading by Title I Students for their Parents

February 10th, 2012 @ 9:30am—10:30am

In the School Library

\*refreshments will be served\*





Beginning January 4th, the Spelling Bee Club will meet every Wednesday from 3:30—4:30pm. See Mrs. Williams for more information.

**Congratulations!**

To the Top Sellers of

**Signature Fund Raising!**

On Thursday, January 12th

18 students were rewarded with a luxurious limousine ride to

Chuck E. Cheese's!



The next big limo ride is quickly approaching!  
In order to be considered, you must be one of the top sellers and have submitted payment for all of your chocolate bars!



- \* **School Spirit Jackets orders must be submitted to the office by close of business on Friday, January 20th.**
- \* **The top sellers of the Signature Fundraising will be going to Chuck E. Cheese in a limousine on Thursday, January 12th.**
- \* **The Coin Drive for the St. Jude's Children Hospital has begun! All donations are welcomed.**
- \* **Students should turn their cell phones in to the office upon arrival in the morning. Phones that are confiscated will not be returned until the last day of school. Please see Parent/Student Handbook (page 52) for further clarification.**

## ***Faculty & Staff***

### ***Attached:***

- ◆ ***DPR Adult Computer Classes Flyer***

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, HH CJ, Resource Specialist  
Sr. Emmanuela Ladipo, HH CJ, DRE  
Sr. Lucy Dei, HH CJ, Resource Specialist  
Mr. Travis Barnhardt, Substitute  
Mrs. Joseph, Administrative Assistant  
Ms. Baker, Office Manager