



# The Halo Report

**Saint Augustine Catholic School**  
1421 V Street, NW | Washington, DC 20009

**Theme 2016-2017:** "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3

**Greetings Parents, Guardians, and Teachers!**

**WELCOME BACK!!!!** We hope that all of you enjoyed the Easter holiday and your spring break. It is with great excitement that we look forward to finishing out the rest of the school year with numerous accomplishments. The weather is getting warmer, the trees are changing, the sun is shining, and we can't wait to see our soon-to-be 8th-grade graduates bloom! We are looking forward to finishing out the school year with our outstanding students.

**PRUDENTIAL AWARDS:** Congratulations to Debora Abera!!! Alex Walker, a Prudential representative, has been designated to present the 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community medallion to Debora Abera on Friday, April 28, at St. Augustine Catholic Church, during the Weekly Mass, which is scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM.

**The EIGHTH GRADE TESTING:** Eighth-grade Scantron performance test has begun today and will conclude on Wednesday, May 3.

**SOLIDARITY AWARD:** St. Augustine Catholic School was honored by St. Augustine Church on April 22, with the Spirit of Faith Award for encouraging our students to put their Catholic faith in action.

**SUMMER SCHOOL:** Notices were sent home about summer school. Please check with your homeroom teacher, if you did not receive any information.

**AFTERCARE: (REMINDER)** There will be no aftercare on Thursday, April 27th, due to the Science Fair, and Friday, May 12, due to the Annual Art Show. Parents, please make a note of these dates.

**SUMMER 2017 MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE PROGRAM:** DeMatha Catholic High School has a summer science program for middle school students. The program is limited to 25 students, so we encourage you to apply early. Please see the attachment for the application and additional information.

**SPRING FLING:** The dance for grades Pre-K–2nd will be held Friday, April 28th from 3:00–4:00 pm. The entry fee is \$5.00. Grades 3rd–5th will have their dance from 4:30–6:00 pm. The entry fee is \$7.00. Parents have free entry! Admission can be paid in advance in the main office.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE:** The dance for grades 6th–8th will be held on April 28th from 6:30–10:00 pm. The entry fee will be \$8.00 after 7:30 pm. All students must be picked up by 10:30 pm.

We hope you find this information helpful. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the main office.

Sincerely,  
Sister Gloria Agumagu, HHCJ



4/27	Science Fair 9am-3pm
4/28	Spring Fling
4/29	HSA Adult Dance 8pm-12am
5/1	HSA MEETING
5/5	SCHOOL CLOSED
5/12	Annual Art Show Fourth Quarter Progress Report
5/19- 5/20	Spring Musical

**\*Dates are Tentative Until Further Notice**

**MISSION STATEMENT:**




Saint 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.

*(Adapted on November 12, 2008)*


# PERFORMANCE SERIES SCHEDULE

## WEEK ONE

## Eight Grade Only

Monday 4/24/17	Tuesday 4/25/17	Wednesday 4/26/17	Thursday 4/27/17	Friday 4/28/17
NO TESTING	FIELD TRIP	8:30 – 9:15 am  READING	SCIENCE FAIR  	8:00 – 9:30 am   MASS
		20 Minutes Break		
NO TESTING		9:45 –10:30 am  READING		9:35 – 10:20 am  READING

## WEEK TWO

Monday 5/1/17	Tuesday 5/2/17	Wednesday 5/3/17	Thursday 5/4/17	Friday 5/5/17
8:30 – 9:15 am  MATHEMATICS	8:30 – 9:15 am  MATHEMATICS	8:30 – 9:15 am  MAKE UP	FIELD TRIP	STAFF RETREAT
20 Minutes Break	20 Minutes Break	20 Minutes Break		
9:45–10:30 am  MATHEMATICS	9:45 –10:30 am  MATHEMATICS	9:45 –10:30 am  MAKE UP		

# May 2017

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 Ephesians 4:3

Theme for 2016-2017

"Love to Learn ~ Learn to Love"

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 7 Father Kemp Anniversary Mass	1 HS A meeting 6pm Eighth	2 Grade	3 Testing Week	4 Middle School Math and Science Baseball Game	5 <b>No School</b> <b>Faculty</b> <b>Retreat</b>	6 Eighth Grade Car Wash Fund-raiser
8 Father Kemp Anniversary Mass	9 Grade	10 Testing Week	11 Grade Eight Parent Meeting 6:00 pm	12 Mass 8:15am Art Show 10-6 4th Quarter Progress Reports sent home	13 Art Show 4pm-6:30pm	
14 Art Show 10am-3pm	15 Grade	16 Testing Week	17 Testing Week	18 Grade Eight Parent Meeting 6:00 pm	19 Mass 8:15 am Drama Club Show 7:00 pm	20 Drama Club Show 7:00 pm
21 First Communion 10:00 am	22 <b>Week of Eighth</b> <b>Grade Finals</b>	23 Grade	24 Testing Week	25 Last Grade Eight Parent Meeting 6:00pm	26 <b>No School</b> <b>Faculty</b> <b>Professional</b> <b>Development</b>	27 Confirmation 4:30 pm
29	30 <b>No School</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>	31 Grade				

*From the Desk of Ronald R. Riley, Mathematics Department Chair...*

April 24, 2017

Dear Math Students and Parents,

I hope you and a wonderful Easter Vacation and Spring Break. I have heard from several students today regarding the activities they participated in and the things they learned at the **NATIONAL MATH FESTIVAL**. I sent out an announcement in the April 5, 2017 Halo Report regarding the event. Remember, I am offering extra credit in mathematics to all students that attended the festival and submit a brief description, in writing, of their favorite festival presentation. Parents of primary grade students may assist their child with writing the description.

I attended the festival. It was a joy to see so many children and families excited about sharing a fun filled and informative day of **math, math, and more math**. Although, I found many of the presentations very interesting the one that intrigued me most was "**Bedtime Math and Beyond**" presented by its' creator Laura Overdeck. She and I had very similar experiences with our own primary grade children. She began doing a math problem just before bedtime with her child, and I recently began doing the same with mine. She described how society spends countless hours in the developmental years reading to children at bedtime for fun, but almost none doing math. You may have heard it said "**math is the new reading**". In my own recent experience I have found that my child loves doing math just before bed. In fact, on days that I may forget, my daughter reminds me.

I challenge you to create and/or find grade level appropriate math problems and challenges that your child can tackle at bedtime, preferably word problems. This could be done at any grade. Then allow him/her to try to solve it on his own. In actuality, every math word problem is a short story. Read it together with her/him if you can make the time. I'm certain that, as in the case with Mrs. Overdeck, our children will reap great benefits in the end. Your child's math textbook or workbook can be a great source for questions and challenges, or you can seek other resources. However, I suggest you write the problem out, by hand, on a sheet of paper or in a **math bedtime journal**, and avoid working out of the textbook or workbook directly. We don't want this to be a school assignment. We want this to be an interpersonal relationship with you, your child, and math, just as time honored and cherished as reading bedtime stories.

**HAVE FUN!!!**

Sincerely,  
Ronald R. Riley  
Mathematics Department Chair

**PLEASE JOIN US!  
ON SUNDAY APRIL 30, 2017  
FOR MISSIONARY DAY AT**

**Mt. Gilead Baptist Church  
1625 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Free Parking at Whitman Walker Parking Lot  
(on R Street just before 14<sup>th</sup> Street)**

The Theme for the day is:

**“Missionaries and Deacons working together to Fulfill the Lord’s Commission”  
(Matt 28:18-20)**

- 11:00 am** - Worship Service with Guest Speaker who will present Missions from a global perspective.
- 1:00 pm** - LUNCHEON  
- Book Signing by: Missionary Marilyn James,  
Executive Director, Children & Charity International,  
and Author of *Mingo Learns...*
- 3:00 pm** - Presentation by Missionaries:  
Anne James Boyd MD, Cardiologist  
Charles M. Boyd, MD, Surgeon
- Liturgical Dances by Afterschool Program dancers  
from St. Augustine Catholic School

