



# St. Augustine School - June 2014 Newsletter

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The Mission of St. Augustine School is to celebrate our strong Catholic identity, to promote academic excellence, and to foster respect and justice for all individuals. We strive to create an environment that prepares our students to draw upon their faith in order to conduct their lives with integrity and wisdom.

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## From the Desk of Mrs. O'Dea

Dear Parents and Guardians,



During this 100th Anniversary year 50 young men and women will graduate from St. Augustine School on June 6th. We wish them only the best and will keep them in our prayers. These students will continue their studies at many area high schools including Andover High, Austin Prep, Brooks, Central Catholic, Essex Aggie, Fryeberg Academy, Groton Academy, Phillips Academy, Pingree, Portsmouth Abbey, Presentation of Mary, Reading High, St. John's . Prep, Tewksbury High, Vermont Academy and Whittier Vocational. This year's graduates have earned over \$300,000 in merit/scholarship money. We are so proud of all their accomplishments!

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We have a few staff changes for next year. First, we bid farewell to two of our teachers who are retiring at the end of June. Miss Anne Doherty and Mrs. Maxine Grogan will be in our prayers as they begin the next stage of their lives. We will truly miss their presence at St. A's and are forever thankful for all that they have done for our students. Mrs. Bernal will be moving up to grade seven, Mrs. Maresca will be taking over the reigns in fourth grade and Mrs. Vanicek will be sharing the Kindergarten position with Mrs. Flynn. I have also hired an Assistant Principal, Meghan Lovett, who comes to St. Augustine's with her Masters in Administration and Divinity and a true love for Catholic education. I know you will join me in welcoming her to our school. I am so excited about these changes as I look toward the 2014-15 school year!



I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you for a wonderful school year. I know how devoted you are to Catholic education and I am so thankful that you have chosen St. Augustine School for your children. I also wouldn't want the year to end without thanking the faculty and staff for all that they do for our students. They work tirelessly to prepare for every school day. They are an outstanding group devoted to your children and Catholic education. I wish all our faculty, staff, parents, and children a well deserved summer vacation. I hope that you stay safe, have lots of fun, and stay close to God and each other.

Once again we say goodbye to some wonderful families in our school community who will not be returning in September. We wish them the best as they move on from St. A's.

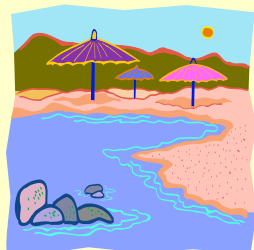


Please be sure to check the calendar for the many events that are happening in June and be sure to check our website this summer as we post photos of our Centennial Gymnasium Project!

God Bless all of you as you enjoy your happy and holy summer together.

*Mrs. Paula O'Dea*

## June Upcoming Events



*“Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail.”*  
 ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

2-Walk a thon

3-Teddy Bear Picnic-grade 8 and K buddies

4- Class night @ 6pm

5- Grade 8 retreat, International Day -Grade 3 @ 9:30am

6- Graduation @ 6pm

6- First Friday Mass

10- Invention Convention-grade 5

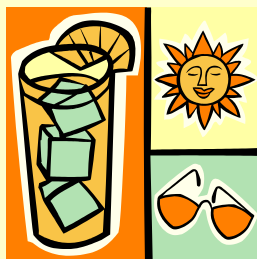
11- Dress down Day-\$1.00 for Asian Center,  
Health and Safety Fair

Last day of Prek and Nursery

12- Reading Buddies Picnic for grades 3 and 1

16- Last Day of School Mass @ 10:30am

Noon Dismissal



*Happy  
Summer*



### ULTRAKEY TYPING PROGRAM AVAILABLE AT DISCOUNT PRICE



**We enrolled our school in the School Link program, which lets parents purchase download licenses for UltraKey at the web site for 40% off**

**(\$39.95 less 40% = \$23.97).**

**Please direct the parent to our web site, [www.bytesoflearning.com](http://www.bytesoflearning.com).**

**Click "Store". The UltraKey home license is the first product listed.**

**To achieve the 40% discount, enter the code **staugust2014** at checkout.**

**The coupon expires **August 31, 2014****

***Speedskins covers can be purchased at [speedskins.com](http://speedskins.com)***

**Parents make sure that your child is typing correctly over the summer!**

**Keep practicing your 10 Day Typing Challenge!  
No hunting & pecking for the keys!**

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**The following students completed the entire  
Type to Learn Typing Program  
Lessons 1 – 21 (Letters & Numbers)**

### Top Typists in Grades 3-6



Chaniel Abou-Ezzi

Owen Burke

Connie Chong

Gideon Daley

Erin Fennessy

Ji Woo Lee

Zachary Moynihan

Sydney Raza



## THANKS! from Mary Ferguson, Service Coordinator:

Here we are at the end of another year and will have been led at Morning Prayer by members of each class from Gr. 8 to Kindergarten. We are very appreciative to all those who came forward to lead us with a prayer and the pledge, including families, to show us how to stay close to God through prayer and give honor to our country. Recently we had a food drive to restock the food pantry in Lawrence and in June our focus will be on covering some expenses for the nearby Asian Center's summer program with our Dress Down Day on June 11. I am most grateful for your prayers and participation in the school's outreach to those in need. My webpage will continue to be a resource for service opportunities, great and small that anyone may choose to participate. And finally, we look forward to our closing liturgy on Monday, June 16th hosted by the staff. It is our gift to you as we give thanks for another year together in God's Spirit. (978-475-2414X38) or [mferguson@staugustineandover.org](mailto:mferguson@staugustineandover.org)

### Kid's Corner

Hello again my friends and this entry is a very special one for many. This is the LAST kid's corner for the year, the horror! But wait! There is still more next year! **Wesley Reller** of seventh grade will be the next writer! I hope you all have a wonderful summer vacation and remember to stay safe, let's also wish Wesley good luck as he picks up the torch for next year!

-Matt S.



### Nurse's Notes



Reminder to all parents or guardians of students entering kindergarten, third and seventh grade, and all new students for the school year 2014-2015 that an updated physical exam including immunizations, is needed by the first day of school.





On Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, we would like to invite you to our Health and Safety Fair from 11:30-12:00. There will be several tables that you can visit to learn more about some of the fantastic things that you can do this summer with your child. There will be a representative from AVIS on conservation land in the area, YMCA on swimming safety, Andover Police Department on Bike and Playground safety, a doctor on skin safety, Whole Foods on healthy eating and some snack ideas, and some others.

Students will be visiting these tables with their classes earlier in the day. You could ask your child about the demonstrations (karate, soccer ...) that they saw. Because there may be one more. From 11:30-12:00 is reserved for parents to visit the booths. There will be information available for you. You will also be able to pick up your child from school, as it is a half day. We hope this is a great way to start the summer off on a positive, healthy and safe note!

Also, there is also a link on our website under the LED Committee (Less Screen Time, Exercise and Diet) that lists 200 ideas of things to do with your child and has links to web pages about the various public lands in the area that you can explore!

We all hope that your summer is a safe, healthy and happy one!



# Class of 2014



*You are going to begin a new life after graduation. We pray to God that it will be a life full of happiness. We wish you success, happiness and luck. So, good luck! But not goodbye! We will miss you!*

*(Stations of the Cross 2014)*

How time just flies by! It's hard to believe that June is already here! It seems as though it was just yesterday we were attending Opening Day Coffee and discussing a new school year!

As we are all busy planning our summer activities, the guild has been busy as well...

The Family Fun Event-Movie Night held in May, was such a great time! There is nothing like watching a movie under the stars surrounded by friends. Thank you to Lisa Scudder and Angela Dulac for organizing this event.

Also in May, our Guild Board Installation Ceremony took place.

Thanks to all that attended, especially

Robin Macdonald and Mercedes Guance, for making it such a lovely ceremony!

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the nomination forms, as members of the Guild, YOU nominated these parents.

May the grace of our Lord watch over and guide these parents for a successful 2014-2015 school year.

It is with great pleasure that we would like to introduce the (2014-2015) St. Augustine School Guild Board members:

**Co-Presidents: Francesca Miles (1 year) and Gina Dechant (2 years)**

**Secretary: Lynda Whitty**

**Treasurer: Jennifer DeVelis**

**Nursery: Meg O'Hanlon**

**Pre-K: Lisa Parent and Taryn Quebec**

**Kindergarten: Antonietta Devito and Mairi Murray**

**1st Grade: Karen Perrault and Donna Burke**

**2nd Grade: Lori Iocono and Lauren O'Neill**

**3rd Grade: Lauri Diamantis and Lisa Comosa**

**4th Grade: Heidi O'Mara and Erin LaChance**

**5th Grade: Kim D'Agata and Kate Hernandez**

**6th Grade: Lesa Botti and Darlene Raza**

**7th Grade: Stephanie Lundy and Lisa Jacques**

**8th Grade: Karen Rassias and Maria Mangano**

**Volunteer Coordinator: Seana Mulcahy**

**Cultural Enrichment Committee Co-Chairs: Lesa Botti, Amy Bettencourt and Lisa Comosa**

**Scrip Fundraiser Coordinator: Barbara Daley**

**BoxTops Coordinators: Julie Pelletier and Annemieke Tapp**

**Thank You Committee Coordinator: Wendy Agudelo**

**Parent to Parent Representative: Tara Dunham**



This has been a great year and we would like to thank the board members of the 2013-2014 School Guild, as well as all of the parents/guardians who graciously volunteered throughout the year for the Guild events!

A special thank you goes to our Out-Going President, Angela Dulac, for her hard work, dedication, enthusiasm and welcoming nature over these last 2 years.

The guild is happy to announce its contribution of scholarship awards to five students graduating from St. Augustine this year. (1) Sr. Mary Rosalie Award, (2) Guild Sportsmanship Awards and (2) Guild Spirit/Academic Awards will be given out. These awards are worth \$300 each.

We are anxiously looking forward to our Walk-A-Thon! The committee has been working hard to make this a successful event. We would like to thank the families, friends, students and various businesses for participating.

On behalf of the 2013-2014 St. Augustine School Guild, we hope you enjoy the summer months and pray for the safety of all our families!

*God Bless you and we will see you in September,  
Fran Miles and Gina Dechant*

## Guild Finances

### Financial Snapshot - For The Nine Months Ended May 2014

<u>Fiscal Year 2014 Commitments</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Centennial Gymnasium Pledge	\$ 25,000	\$ (25,000) (A)	\$ -
Operating Budget: Pledge	18,000	(18,000) (A)	-
Operating Budget: Endowment	7,000	(7,000) (A)	-
Cultural Committee	5,500	(5,495) (B)	5
8th Grade Graduation Dinner	6,500	(2,966)	3,534
8th Grade Scholarships (Five \$300 Awards)	1,500	(1,500)	-
7th & 8th Grade Dances	750	(475)	275
Walkathon 2015 Startup Cash Reserve	2,000	-	2,000
FY 2015 Carryover Cash Reserve Requirement for 8/14	10,000	-	10,000
<b>Total Fiscal Year 2014 Commitments</b>	<b>\$ 76,250</b>	<b>\$ (60,436)</b>	<b>\$ 15,814</b>

### Cash Flow Activity By Event

As of 5/22/14

Spring Extravaganza 2014	\$ 77,509.54 *
Walkathon 2014	29,507.51
October Cash Raffle	11,701.90
Progressive Dinner	2,750.00
Guild Book	2,530.75
Christmas Plant Sale 2013	1,685.00
Scrip	2,079.95
Birthday Book Club	581.91
Halloween Fright Night	322.67
Walkathon 2013 Carryover	270.00
Thanksgiving Pie Sale	235.60
Christmas Fun Night 2013	101.69
Movie Night 2013 Carryover	(44.15)
Christmas Fun Night Carryover	(45.24)
8th Grade Graduation Dinner 2013 Carryover	(106.25)
Opening Day Coffee Events	(184.53)
Ice Cream Social	(305.36)
Bingo Night	(405.48)
7th and 8th Grade Dances	(475.00)
Movie Night 2014	(816.00)
Scholarships 2014	(1,500.00)
8th Grade Graduation Dinner 2014	(2,966.24)
Guild Misc.	(2,560.33)
Cultural Committee	(5,495.14)



(A) The FY 2014 \$25K Operating Budget Commitment was paid in full during September 2013 (i.e., \$18K Pledge and \$7K Endowment) and the FY 2014 \$25K Gymnasium Pledge has been paid in May 2014.

(B) Total includes payment of the Parent-to-Parent Annual Membership Fee of \$450 as well as \$460 in dues collected for CSI Night and Kitchen Science Night and \$251 collected for materials fees for the Puppetry Workshop.

\* The Net Earnings for the 2014 Spring Extravaganza are not finalized.

NOTE: Two payments totaling \$90K were made to the St. Augustine School Centennial Gymnasium Fund in September 2013 pertaining to the prior year (i.e., \$25K Gymnasium Pledge and \$65K surplus contribution, both for the 2012-2013 school year).





# June Lunch Menu



*\* All lunches include fruit, dessert, and milk.*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI-
2 Cheese or pepperoni French bread pizza w/ side salad  SALAD BAR	3 Chicken Fajitas w/ onions and peppers, cheese and salsa w/ refried beans  SALAD BAR	4 Grilled Cheese w/ chicken noodle soup  SALAD BAR	5 Pasta w/marinara or meat sauce or pasta w/ butter & vegetable  SALAD BAR	6 Assorted breakfast w/ hash browns  SALAD BAR
9 Chicken and cheese quesadillas w/refried beans  SALAD BAR	10 Boiled Hot Dogs w/ fries  SALAD BAR	11 Chicken Nuggets or Crispy Chicken sand- wich w/fries  SALAD BAR	12 Assorted pizza w/side salad  SALAD BAR	13 Macaroni and cheese or macaroni and butter w/ vegetable  SALAD BAR
16  1/2 DAY NO LUNCH  HAPPY SUMMER!!	<i>USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer</i>			

## Café Duty

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2</b> Christine Regan Monica Carabello	<b>3</b> Wendy Agudelo Kathleen Klauer	<b>4</b> Andrea Biondo Enman Lisa Schwarz	<b>5</b> Robin McDonald Seana Mulcahy	<b>6</b> Heidi O'Mara Mary Ellen Walek
<b>9</b> Diane Valerio Claire Chun	<b>10</b> Diane Todisco Lisa Jeffries	<b>11</b> Mercedes Guiance Lisa Parent	<b>12</b> Erin LaChance Lisa D'Addario	<b>13</b> Lisa Comosa Jill Spinale
<b>16</b> Last day Early release	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>