



Eagle's Eye

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Dates to Remember

January

- 29th** Catholic School's Week Begins!
10 a.m. Mass, followed by SAS Open House from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 30th** Open House: 9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
- 31st** Open House: 9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

FEBRUARY



- 2nd** Report Cards K-4
- 3rd** Noon Dismissal
- 3rd** Report Cards 5 - 8
- 7th** Pre-K Registration
- 7th** Grade 4 Bake Sale
- 8th** K - 8 Registration
- 10th** Family Fun Night (3,4,5)
- Winter Break:** No school on the 20, 21, 22, 23, 24
- 22nd** Ash Wednesday



MARCH

- 2nd** Grub Day - Full Day
- 2nd** Stations of the Cross (6,7,8)
- 6th** Grade 3 Bake Sale
- 7th** Catholic HS Registration
- 8th** Magazine Sale Begins
- 9th** Stations of the Cross (3,4,5)
- 17th** Feast of St. Patrick
- 19th** Feast of St. Joseph
- 20th** Confessions Gr 3
- 21st** Confessions Gr's 6S & 8
- 22nd** Confessions Gr 4
- 22nd** Social Studies Fair Awards
- 23rd** Stations of the Cross (3,4,5)
- 28th** Confessions Gr's 6M & 7

From the Office of Sr. Mary Elizabeth, Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2012!

All the hard work and patience has paid off for the St. Augustine School, Class of 2012. Our 8th Graders have received their high School acceptance letters, some with scholarship notifications. Over the next few weeks, students and their parents will make one of their most important decisions to date...what High School to attend.

Our 7th Graders have started the preparation for their Confirmation. Each student will need to select a Confirmation name and write a report about that Saint, perform 25 hours of community service and begin studying in their Religion class.

Catholic Schools' Week begins Sunday, January 29th with a mass and open house. Please spread the word about St. Augustine school and encourage family, neighbors and friends to come to one of our three open houses. They won't be disappointed!

I would like to remind everyone again about the dropping off of your children in the morning. We have experienced a tremendous increase of car drop offs which is resulting in long waits for all students (both cars and buses). This results in students entering the school late each morning. I encourage you to utilize your local school bus provided transportation as often as you can. As I have shared in the past, if we do not use this tax payer funded bus transportation, we risk losing this valuable service.

Thank you and God bless,
Sister Mary Elizabeth

SAS Girls Volleyball



SAS is once again part of the **Catholic School Volleyball** league. Registration forms were sent home to all 5, 6, 7, and 8th grade girls. The season begins with practices in February and runs through May. Please consider being part of this wonderful league. Note: The registration deadline is 1/30/12

Box Tops For Education



Susan Cavanaugh sends her appreciation to everyone that worked hard and submitted Box Top sheets - already filled in and completed! We have collected almost **\$1100.00** since our last submission. Look for the new sheets for February and March.

You can find a complete listing of products that have Box Tops - here: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?id=3878>.

Faith. Academics. Service.

Catholic Schools **Catholic Schools Week Schedule:**

Sunday: Mass at 10 a.m. followed by Open House 11 to 1

Monday: Holly Rock Assembly, (Open House 9 am to 11 am)

Tuesday: Student Appreciation Day (Open House 9 am to 11 am) K - 4 PJ's & Stuffed Animals, 5 - 8 Wear your favorite sport team jersey!

Wednesday: Crazy Mixed Up Day! Crazy Hats K - 4 & Crazy Hair for 5-8
Calendar Raffle begins 2/1.

Thursday: Teacher Appreciation Day!

Friday: Spirit Day with Pep Rally - NOON dismissal. Show your school spirit and wear our blue and gold!



Spectacle City is a wondrous place for our St. Augustine School youngsters to exercise everyday math concepts such as estimation, time and money. Where is it, you say? Oh, in the land of make believe, aka our Computer Room, where cartoon construction workers, train conductors, toy store and farmers' market salespeople ask our unsuspecting students to complete building designs, prepare toy orders and estimate size & number of fruits and vege – all useful, and sometimes daunting tasks for children who may not be accustomed to handling such grown up concepts. In a world that is driven largely by plastic, where not a lot of cash is exchanged, our kids also need to "make change". I have found it invaluable as it allows both children who need extra help and kids who are wanting more challenge to practice "everyday" math, progressing from Kindergarten through 5th Gr.

Sweet Taste of Success!**Leone Stangle**

Congratulations to our students in 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades on their wonderful SAS bake sales. The total that has been raised to date is \$1,868. These monies are used to help defray the cost of our copy machine. We also want to thank the class moms and all the parents and students for working so hard to make these bake sales a success.

Art News**Mrs. L**

As we prepare for our annual Catholic Schools' Week celebrations, I want to remind everyone to stop by the library during our open house on Sunday, 1/29, for an enjoyable Art Show. If you would like to visit our well-equipped art room, you can see where all this wonderful artwork is being made. A lot of what we accomplish is thanks to some dedicated volunteers who get to share in the fun!

Have a warm and safe and happy New Year. Mrs. L

Annual Cookie Baking Contest**Mrs. Daddazio**

Another Christmas is behind us and so, too, is our eighteenth annual cookie baking contest, which was held on Thursday, December 22! What a wonderful time the eighth grade students had as they anxiously awaited the announcement of this year's winners. The participation was overwhelming!

Our judges certainly had their work cut out for them. To insure a fair result, we enlisted the help of many judges this year. Our thanks to each of them: Mrs. Lifschitz and her daughter-in-law Mrs. Litschitz, Mr. Cascapera, and many of our former graduates, Marissa Bowdler, Katherine Brady, Kelli Jenney, Kimberly Hirsch, Margaret Delohery, Katelynn Ryan, Leslie Ward, Maggie Ellis, and Sarah Konig, who were anxious to get in on the tasting. According to all, being a judge was difficult, but certainly worth every calorie!

Congratulations to this year's winners of sample cookie plates:

First Place – John Dinelli

Second Place – Kerry Cavanagh

Third Place – Cassidy Martinez

A special thanks to volunteer mothers, Mrs. Costello, Mrs. DeLucci, and Mrs. Ferdinandsen who generously gave of their time to set up this year's event. Thank you, too, to Mrs. Cox for stopping by to see if there was anything she could do to help out. We appreciate your willingness to help! Thank you, too, eighth grade for a lovely pre-Christmas celebration.

Forensics Club**Ms. Marques**

Congratulations to the members of the Forensics Club for their exceptional performance at their first meets of the Season. With the participation of many schools, the competition was steep, but our hardworking members were poised and prepared, giving SAS an exciting and successful start to the year! Results of the Second Forensics Meet held in November:

Reading:

1st Place Trophy: **Maria Capasso**

Honorable Mention Trophy: **Patrick Lavoie**

Ribbons: **Katelynn Browne, Meg Golinski, Paula Ortiz, and Meghan Brady**

Poetry:

Finalist Trophy: **Madison Altieri and Joey Lawton**

Honorable Mention Trophy: **Nick Tabio and Jimmy McCarthy**

EAGLE'S EYE ON SAS WEBSITE!

Please go to the SAS home page and view and/or download the latest edition of the Eagle's Eye. <http://staugustineschool.org/index1.shtml> You can also forward the link to family, friends and prospective SAS families!

Speak Out for Catholic Schools!



Ask Governor Cuomo to **Provide Fairness for Catholic School Families** in State Budget.

It is **quick and easy** to have your voice heard. Take Action Now! Click Here:
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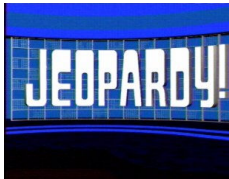
SAS GEAR



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<http://www.cafepress.com/staugustine>

JEOPARDY CHALLENGE

Mrs. Daddazio



Maria Regina High School's National Honor Society held its **annual Jeopardy competition** on Saturday, December 10, 2011 with seventh and eighth grade participants from nine of our local area Catholic elementary schools. How happy we were to be represented in this competition by eleven of our finest seventh and eighth grade students who were willing to get up early on a Saturday morning!!! Congratulations to our very own eighth grade students: **Katelynn Browne, Emmett Godfrey, Dylan and Sarah McNulty, Michael Stricker and Elizabeth Sutterlin** and our seventh grade students: **Katie and Maggie Kennon, Joey Lawton, Nicolas Tabio, and Yadwiga Varga**. There was some pretty tough competition, but our students had what it took!

One can never be too prepared. Making it to the second round following a preliminary round were **Katelynn Browne, Emmett Godfrey, Dylan McNulty, Michael Stricker, Elizabeth Sutterlin, Katie Kennon, Maggie Kennon, Joey Lawton, Nicolas Tabio, and Yadwiga Varga**. As the questions increased in difficulty, eliminations continued, and before the field was narrowed down to nine students, a tie breaker round was necessary to fill two final spots. Of the four competing tie breaker contestants, two were ours – **Katelynn Browne and Nicolas Tabio**. How thrilled we were to learn that the two victors from the tie breaker round were both representing St. Augustine School! In addition, five other final round contestants were from St. Augustine! Our very own **Katelynn Browne, Emmett Godfrey, Michael Stricker, Elizabeth Sutterlin, Joey Lawton Katie Kennon, and Nicolas Tabio** qualified for the semi-final round. The tension mounted as these semi-finalists competed.



Falling short last year, **Michael Stricker** was determined to emerge victorious, and did he ever! Not only did Michael qualify to compete in Final Jeopardy, he also walked away with the Jeopardy title (and a monetary prize)! Entering Final Jeopardy with 4601 points, Michael knew that no one could catch him. His competition had accrued totals of 1299 points and 99 points. Michael wagered just one point on the final question – What is the name of the Grass Roots Movement that has been sweeping the country over the last couple of months? A successful answer left Michael with 4601 points! What a pleasure it was to watch him compete in the final Jeopardy round against our very own **Nicolas Tabio** and a female competitor from St. Eugene's School in Yonkers.

Maria Regina High School's National Honor Society worked diligently to compose questions that would prove challenging not only to the competing students but also to those spectators who remained to cheer them on. The finalists selected questions from categories such as History, Music, Food, Culture, Entertainment, Flags, Mythology, Fairy Tales, Geography, and Movies.

Many thanks to the parents and siblings, who so willingly drove their sons/daughters to participate in this exciting competition. It was a great deal of fun, and I am looking forward to next year's competition. Thank you to those contestants who displayed such great sportsmanship by staying around until the end of the challenge to support the final jeopardy winner. **Thank you, too, to Michael Stricker for demonstrating kindness and generosity during the Christmas season by donating his winning cash prize to St. Augustine School.** Sr. Mary Elizabeth and I were touched by this Christian act of kindness. Once again, it was my pleasure to be a part of St. Augustine School.

Better Schools Bonanza



Main Street Connect, a new Home Town Online site ran a promotion contest for local schools that offered communities a chance to win money for their elementary schools. Congratulations!! SAS came in number one out of all the Ossining schools! **A prize of \$500** has been received by Sister Mary Elizabeth. Thank you! Everyone showed such great school spirit. Go Eagles!

Center for Talented Youth – Grand Ceremony

Sister Mary Elizabeth

The academic achievements of some of the brightest 7th and 8th grade students in the world were recognized in November, honoring academically gifted students that were identified through The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth. (CTY)

The global leader in gifted education since 1979, CTY is focused on identifying academic talent in exceptional K-12 students and supporting their growth with courses, services, and resources specifically designed to meet their needs.

It is with such pride that I share that one of our very own, **Elizabeth Sutterlin**, received some amazing awards. Elizabeth was awarded the "Exceptional Talent Award" by The John Hopkins University for scoring 700 or above on the SAT before the age of 13! Even more impressive was her award for "High Honors" for being among the highest scoring participants in the 2011 academic year!

And...it doesn't end there...Elizabeth was also recently honored with a certificate from the NYS awards ceremony at which she was recognized for being invited into the Study for Exceptional Talent and honored with a State Award for High Honors. St. Augustine school was well represented as **Shannon McKeon** (Class of 2011) also received this state recognition!

High School Acceptances

Mrs. Daddazio



Stop in the building during the next few weeks and see where our eighth grade students have been accepted for high school. Fifty of our fifty-five eighth grade students are hoping to secure spots in a Catholic high school as members of the Class of 2016. No doubt you'll be impressed with the acceptances and scholarship offers that our eighth grade students will receive. It has been such a long wait for each of them after having taken the TACHS (Test for admission to Catholic high school) exam in November.

The results will be mailed to the students within the next few days. For most of them, it will definitely have been well worth the wait. Their hard work over the years will pay off. A complete listing of acceptances and scholarship offers will be posted once all have been received.

WANTED! Newsletter Writers!



- Do you enjoy composition class but wish you could write even more?
- Do you dream about one day being a correspondent or journalist for a major media company?
- Do you think you could interview someone and then write about it?
- Are you in 6th, 7th or 8th grade?

If you answered yes to the above – please consider becoming a staff writer for the Eagle's Eye. We have two publications left for this school year – lots of opportunity for you to dive into this chance to put those great writing skills to work!

Please send your name, homeroom and parents email by February 7th, to:

Mrs. Nancy Kennon SASadmissions@Verizon.net

YEARBOOK

Mrs. Daddazio



The eighth grade yearbook committee has been working hard since September, putting together this year's edition of the St. Augustine School yearbook. We are very pleased with what the students are doing! They are quite dedicated to this club and have spent endless hours pulling it all together in order to meet the fast approaching deadline. Keep an eye out for the opportunity to order a copy. Orders will be taken in a few weeks. Don't miss your chance to purchase a copy. We are sure that you and your children will be quite excited about this year's edition.

Are you interested in being a sponsor of this year's edition? Keep an eye out for the notice, which will come home with your son/daughter within the next few weeks. For a minimal cost, you and your family members can be listed in the back of the book. We appreciate your participation in helping to defray the cost of publishing this memorable keepsake.

Essay Awards

Ms. Marques



Eight grade students win awards!

Katelynn Browne won a \$50 saving bond from the American Legion Society for her essay on the importances of the constitution. **Olivia Hughes** was award \$50 from the Daughters of the American Revolution for her essay on New York's role in the American Revolution.

Mark Your Calendar

- **CALENDAR RAFFLE:** Takes place in February and March. For just \$10 you can enter at a chance for cash prizes that are awarded each day!
 - **MONTHLY SAS CALENDAR:** Get updated version of the SAS calendar by downloading from our website at this location: <http://www.staugustineschool.org/february12.shtml>
 - **UPCOMING BAKE SALES:**
4th Grade - February 7th
3rd grade - March 6th
2nd Grade - April 24th
 - **ADMISSIONS & ENROLLMENT:**
Our **Open Houses** begin Sunday and run through Tuesday of next week. *Sunday – January 29 (11 am to 1pm)*
Monday & Tuesday January 30th & 31st (9 am to 11am)
Registration will be the following week: Pre-K Registration is February 7th. Grades K through 8 Registration is February 8th. Both days the registration runs from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 - **JUNE USED UNIFORM TAG SALE: Wednesday, June 20th**
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From the Editor

The Eagle's Eye is published 4 times during the school year: October/November, January, March/April and May/June. If you have any items or photos you would like to submit, contact Nancy Kennon – SASadmissions@verizon.net. The next deadline is Wednesday, March 21st.