

8TH GRADE SCIENCE CLASSES CREATE ELEMENT-THEMED TEE SHIRTS



Mr. Tackett, our Middle School Science Teacher, taught our 8th Grade students the entire Periodic Table of the Elements through the use of music by teaching them the Periodic Table Song. The students then chose an element and created a tee shirt based on its properties.

[To see more click onto the video on St. Augustine's Facebook.](#)



Seventh Grade at their lab on kinetic and potential energy. They completed a lab that demonstrated how kinetic energy was transferred and transformed. The smiles demonstrate how much the students enjoy Science Class. Once a week the class has a double period to provide more time for experimentation.

KINDERGARTEN AND EIGHTH GRADE BUDDIES



The buddies were very excited to meet each other and carry on the tradition of being buddies. Not only to they go to Mass together but they do projects side by side throughout the year. They become so



bonded that tears do come when their buddies graduate. However, many still stay in touch with one another connecting from high school to St A.s. It is one of the most loved traditions.



OCTOBER OPENS WITH THE FEAST OF THE ANGELS AND CONCLUDES WITH THE EVE OF ALL SAINTS DAY!



The month of October began with the Feast of the Guardian Angels on October 2. On Feast of St. Francis Assisi



Grade Three and First Grade has the tradition celebrating his feast day by asking him to bless all their favorite stuffed animals. This tradition is not only a reminder of St. Francis' love of animals but of the Sisters of St. Francis who were the first teachers of Saint Augustine of

Canterbury School and lived in the convent. Later in the day families bring their pets to the front of the church to be blessed by the Deacon. This year they gathered in front of the Sacred Heart since St. Francis' Feast Day was celebrated on the First Friday of the month.

THE FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Praying the decade of the Rosary everyday is a tradition of the Religious Teachers Filippini. Our Lady of Fatima's Feast Day is celebrated by having the student see the video and to receive a blessed rosary to be prayed in school. The beautiful grotto on the property is a perfect place to pray on a fall day.



FIFTH GRADE PARENTS SHARED IN A MORNING OF:

Praying Together † Learning Together † Discovering Together † Creating Together



MISSION PET CONTEST

In honor of St. Francis and Mission Awareness Month the school had a favorite



Mission Pet Contest. Students could enter a photo of their pet. If they didn't have one a photo of a favorite stuff animal could be entered. A few proud pet owners entered their pet three or four times. The proceeds of the contest will be used to support the Religious Teachers Mission Project to build a well. Voters are

finding it very hard to choose a favorite. Each pet has his/her own personality. Each too cute.

KINDERGARTEN MOVING FORWARD EXPERIENCING NEW ADVENTURES



Kindergarten Learns Keyboarding Skills



South Brunswick Book Mobile



Gym Class was fun this week.

Each station had a Halloween skill.

Ms. H. sets up the gym like a giant game board we practice our skills.

There are Tricks and Treats





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National Standards and Benchmarks
for Effective Catholic Elementary and
Secondary Schools

Saint Augustine of Canterbury School was given accreditation from AdvancED. The Diocese of Metuchen with the approval of the Bishop, are moving forward with the process of applying for re accreditation as a Diocese during this school year 2019-2020. However, AdvancED is now under a new name called Cognia.

The Diocese of Metuchen’s AdvancED steering committee, consisting of diocesan administrators and principals, has begun conducting the extensive research needed to produce a report on diocesan and school performance in anticipation of on site visit in March, 2020. The committee is led by AdvancED Chair Mary Erath and principals as chairpersons. St. Augustine’s Chairperson is Karen Wagner, teacher of Grade 3, and Co-Chairperson is Amy O’Donnell of Grade 1. The faculty members have been assigned to work together on a specific domain. The first step in the process was to carefully examine our philosophy and mission statement. At our first faculty meeting the staff closely examined our mission statement in the light of who and how we see ourselves. The students from Grades a 5-8 were also asked to participate in the same process. It was not surprising that the faculty and students reflections were similar in nature which is vital for the effectiveness of a Catholic School.

Last year, surveys to our parents, staff and students (Grades 3-8) were launched in regard to the Climate and Culture of St. Augustine as a Catholic School and also of its Program Effectiveness as a Catholic School. The results were collated and communicated to the parents by the former Superintendent of Schools, Ellen Ayoub in May 2019. The strengths were identified as well as areas of opportunities for growth. The Committees are meeting to plan appropriate goals in these areas. A similar process will follow for each domain.

Each of the committees will be working together during their PLC (Professional Learning Communities) and on our Professional Days. Our committees will do their best to keep you updated during this process. The Parish and School community can be proud of our faculty and staff who are truly invested in the best interest of its students present and future. For over fifty years the school community has demonstrated that we are indeed a “Vine of Strengths Rooted in Christ’ a Blue Ribbon School. Confidently we forage ahead with a clear vision of who we are and how we can continually educate the whole child by providing an excellent school rooted in Gospel values.