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A blue starburst graphic with the words "SMARTER START" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The starburst has multiple points of varying lengths, creating a jagged, energetic shape.

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START**

St. Augustine of Canterbury School Kendall Park

A GLIMPSE INTO OUR FIRST FUTURE FRIDAY FALL CLASSES

What an exciting day it was on January 18, when we celebrated our First Future Friday or Flying Up Friday. The classes moved up to next year's grade. Our Eighth Grade of 2020 teachers and students had this to say about Future Friday.

THE FLOOR IS LAVA!!!!

Our Future Eighth Graders had a great time together to kick off our "Fly Up Fridays". Mr. M and Mrs. Paras gathered the entire class together in the gym to help them begin to understand the leadership, communication, problem solving and teamwork that they will need to use in 8th grade year. Students broke up into groups and were instructed to work together in getting their team from one side of the gym to the other within five minutes. But, in a strange turn of events, they were told that the floor was lava! They were each offered a stepping stone and were given specific rules on how they could get across but the solution was one they had to find together.

It was an absolute blast watching the students work together, laugh together and above all, cheer each other on while they tried to determine the best way to get across the lava. Some groups found a very effective approach while others went through a bit of trial and error before finding their rhythm together. All in all, we were so proud of the effort they put into it and are eager to see how they come together as an 8th grade class in the coming year!

Mr. M discussed with the students the value of working together as an 8th grade class and the example they will set for the entire school community. Mrs. Paras reminded them of the ways God has chosen them to be together as a class and the ways He is using them to be the Body of Christ in our world as stated in the first letter to the Corinthians.

Thank you to our Future Eighth Grade for being so cooperative in this Fly Up Friday! We had a great time with you and can't wait to do this again next month.

The Present Eighth Grade Class soon to be in high school used the time to reminisce about their years at St. Augustine of Canterbury School. They shared their stories about their favorite teachers and why; their favorite subjects, moments, events and activities. They enjoy time together with smiles and laughter and a bit of sadness thinking that their journey at St. Augustine is coming to an end.

EIGHTH GRADE CLASS OF 2020 A SMARTER START TO HIGH SCHOOL



“For Flying Up Friday, we worked on teamwork and communication. We played a game where we had to work together to get everyone across the Lava safely. This taught us how we have to be a team as a grade. As eighth graders we need to be responsible to help students younger than ourselves and to also help our peers. I really enjoyed “Flying UP Friday,” because it was both fun and educational.” Erin

“Flying up Friday was really fun and I like the activities planned by our teachers. I am looking forward to doing an activity together again next month as future eighth graders.” Diego

“I loved this fun activity of moving up day! The planned activity helped us see leadership as future eighth graders. Going to the gym and being able to move as a team was a really great start to Future Friday. I give it ★★★★★” Gabby



FIFTH GRADE FLIES UP TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grade Five happily and anxiously prepared to move up to the Middle School Wing on Future Friday/Flying Up Friday. They had lots of questions for the Six Grade teachers. The students left feeling confident and looking forward to being part of the Middle School.

Each month the students will have an opportunity to move up to the next grade.

“Catholic Education Gives Soul to the World.” Pope Francis 2019

YOUNG GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 2020
FUTURE FRIDAY PRE-K 4 & KINDERGARTEN CLASSES OF 2020
STEPPING UP TO THE FALL OF 2019



Picture Perfect Moment in Kindergarten

Future Graduates of the Class of 2020

We Are Off to a Smarter Start!



Flying Up to Pre-K 4 then on to K.

Future 2nd Graders have their first script lesson using shaving cream and a finger to write the letter i and t. "It" was first word they wrote in 2nd grade.



"Together may we give children the roots to grow and wings to fly"



Future Friday Fourth Graders Math/Art



No More Tables. First Graders Enjoying Desks!



Fourth Graders on moving up day built models of events they have learned in Social Studies in fourth grade! Looking forward to these future artists, engineers and historians to complete many group projects in fifth grade.