

“Technology is truly good, a gift from God.”
Pope Francis
At Saint Augustine of Canterbury it is used as God’s Gift.

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St. Augustine of Canterbury School Kendall Park

Digital Escape Room in Middle School



Congratulations to all for a job well done!

In Computer Class, our 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Middle School Students completed a Code of Conduct & Ethical Use of Technology Policy Digital Escape Breakout Task. Based on the popularity of the current Escape Room craze, the students had to answer questions and find clues in order to “break out” of the Lab. They completed questions in a Google Form, and used an iPad and a QR code reader app to find the “key” to unlock the box.

Third Grade Completes Coding Course



Congratulations to several of our Third Graders for taking the Summer Coding Course Challenge and for completing Course 1 on their own at home. Awesome job and keep on coding!!



Digital Citizenship Week Celebrated

The students are celebrating Digital Citizenship Week in the Computer lab by learning how to be safe, responsible, and respectful on line, while using the Common Sense Media Digital Citizenship Curriculum for Grades 4-8 and the Netsmartz Curriculum for Grades K-3.



We are now 1:1 Chromebooks for grades 4-8, with third grade joining them next year. These students can now use their Chromebooks throughout the school day, while collaborating in the G Suite for Education, hosted by Google Apps for Education. Students in Grades 3-6 have been taking online assessments using the i-Ready Reading Program.

Knights Television Network Broadcasts Expanding (KTN)

The group of reporters have added many new techniques and changes to our television network. Relaxing music is broadcast throughout the network in the morning. The team designed a new “eye catcher” visual with music to prepare the school community for the morning news. It has received high rating as a result.

The news and weather reporters are often caught off the camera with video in hand around our beautiful school facility. The students love to be interviewed and share their Good News of the Day.

New this month, is a monthly vocabulary challenge sponsored by KTN in an effort to encourage the students to learn the punctuation of the vocabulary word of the day, the meaning of the word and how to use it in a sentence. They are looking to host the first Voc. Challenge at the end of the month.

Similar to EWTN, the students pray with the community sharing a morning reflection. the Holy Father’s intention for the month, intentions created by the students, the prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe and the theme for “Making Good and Godly Choices.”

The bulletin aired throughout the building daily includes, but is not limited to: Our Mission Statement, Birthdays, Catholic Fun Facts, Today in History, Joke of the Day (“Why do you tell actors to break a leg?” “Because every play has a cast!”), and a Religious Quote of the Day.

“The Rosary is My Favorite Prayer”

John Paul II



October is dedicated to the month of the Most Holy Rosary, Saint John Paul II’s favorite prayer. Praying the Rosary is one of the prayer practices visible in St. Augustine school daily. The students have a chance each day to remember to pray for those closest to them and those who asked to be remembered. This prayer is prayed either in the students’ classrooms, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, or in front of the grotto of Our Lady of Fatima. The Middle School students volunteer to pray the Rosary during lunch time on Fridays. On Fridays you can find at least 50 students praying the Rosary lifting up those they promised to pray for in the lobby.

Saint Francis of Assisi Feast Day Celebrated

Grade 3 celebrated Saint Francis Feast Day by bringing their favorite stuffed animal to school and gathered around the statue in the convent backyard. Many of the students returned in the afternoon to have their pets blessed by Deacon Denis in front of Church. St. Francis wants us to be drawn to kindness, gentleness and peace. The prayer of St. Francis is an invitation for each one of us to pray the Rosary for peace and to be peace ambassadors wherever we find ourselves every day.



First Friday Buddies After Their First School Mass Together



This is a tradition that the students love. It is the first of many more events and times spent together. They painted pumpkins together.



Eighth Grade Tradition: First Friday Mass and Breakfast

Veneration of the Relic of St. Faustina



Making Good and Godly Choices Program



Grade 3 working on "Me, Myself and I"
Getting to know myself and my wonderful qualities.



The Program was initiated many years ago. It is a six week long Program appropriate for each Grade Level. The program integrates prayer to St. Therese of the Little Flower, practices, skits, scenarios and activities based on the themes of courage, understanding, creativity, wisdom, generosity, and forgiveness.

On the Eve of All Saints Day, the students at the assembly traditionally take the pledge of Good and Godly Choices: *"I will treat people how I want to be treated. I will choose to be a good friend. I will choose to be a force of change. I will choose to be kind. I will choose to be positive. I will choose to be like the Saints in Heaven. I will be me, because I am AWESOME just the way God made me and I Will Always Choose Respect."* "We don't want to hide behind masks but proudly be who we are – a Child of God wonderfully and marvelously created and loved by God."