



*“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer’s day, listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.”*



*Dear Parents and Students,*

*In June we were anticipating summer vacation waiting to catch up with some rest, relaxation and things that we need to let go of during the year because of busy schedules (e.g. cleaning closets, lunch with friends, time to read a favorite book, gardening). Now we find ourselves at the end of July saying to each other, “Where did summer go? It is going by so quickly.”*

*Even during the summer months, the lobby at Saint A’s is alive with the **sounds of teachers and parents greeting each other, laughing and sharing stories** as they wait for their children to be dismissed from Bible Camp and Sports Camp. **We are very blessed** to have many graduates return to assist with Bible Camp and Sports Camp, and are so proud and happy to do so. **To see graduates volunteer speaks of their love, loyalty and commitment to St. Augustine School.***

*What people say about the spirit of New York is indeed true at St. A’s—“It never sleeps!” We are awake and preparing the school for September. Father Bob’s spirit is contagious and it generates that same “sense of pride,” that we experience daily through the maintenance and building improvements. When you return in September you will discover for yourself, that we are preparing and planning for your child’s future. **Many projects are now underway.** Mini ipads for the youngest members and chrome books and carts. The sixth graders are moving into the Middle School. The creation of a STEM Room has progressed from planning to preparing for the process. Our Tech-It-Up Winning School, 70” Classroom Aquos Board interactive system with PC and rolling cart stand is set up and ready to go!!! What an awarding winning learning tool the students will be using. Our re-accreditation including goals for the upcoming three years is successfully completed. Thanks to our faculty and staff and they are to be congratulated. St. Augustine School IS amazing. Looking over where we have been and where we are now, is almost unbelievable in every aspect of the life of the school and our magnificent maintained facility. We are very excited about the new look of learning for the school year 2015-2016 .The Orientation Days and Back-To-School Night will give you an opportunity to hear and see what has been happening since June.*

*If you are a new parent or one who likes to plan ahead you will find the newsletter helpful. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call the School Office (732-297-6042).*

*Enjoy the remaining days of summer. Take some morning and evening time to talk with God. Visit Him on Saturday evening or Sunday. He loves our talks and visits year round. God Bless.*

*Sister Mary Louise, MPF    Principal*

## A SNAP SHOT OF THE PROJECTS IN-PROCESS FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

New Social Studies textbooks Grade 6. Anticipating Grade 7 in the latter part of the year.

New Science Program—Science Discovery—Hands on Science

Two sets of Ipad Minis for Pre-K

70" Aquos Board Interactive Display System

Parent Curriculum Meetings and Workshops (Grade appropriate)

New faculty members who are looking forward to being part of our school.

*Much more awaits! We are blessed to have a Pastor who has vision and supports our efforts in every aspect of the school to continue to improve. We are also able to use our fundraiser monies for this purpose.*

## WE DID IT! MORE THAN HALF WAY TO OUR GOAL

*We are counting on your support to make our fundraisers successful so we are able to guarantee excellence in learning and faith formation for our school community, during 2015-2016.*



THANK YOU!!!!

*2015-2016 Goal—New Reading Program  
Grades Pre-K –Grade 5.*

### ORIENTATION DATES...

#### ***Form Drop-Off/Uniform Shopping*** **Thursday, August 20**

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

6:00 PM-7:00 PM

All are welcome. You do not need to bring a uniform to take one home with you.

#### ***Meet and Greet Your Teacher Open House*** **Grades K-5; 7 & 8**

**Tuesday, September 1**

9:30-10:30 AM

***Formal Orientation for Grade 6 during this time.***

#### ***Pre-K 3 Children and Parents Orientation*** **Thursday, September 3**

9:00 AM-10:30 AM

#### ***Pre-K 4 Children and Parents Orientation*** **Thursday, September 3**

1:00 PM-2:30 PM

#### ***First Day of Kindergarten***

**Friday, September 4**

Noon Dismissal After School Care Begins

### TO REMEMBER...

School will open on **Wednesday, September 2** for Grades 1-8. **Noon Dismissal.**

Please note that the *tardy bell* will ring at 7:55 AM so that announcements and prayers can begin promptly at 8:00 AM. The first bell will ring at 7:50 AM. ***Students need to be in their classroom no later than 7:55 AM.***

We ask that any necessary phone calls be made before 8:00 AM or after 8:15 AM or after that time, so as not to interrupt our morning announcements and prayers.

On the *first day of school*, Grades 1-5 will meet in the *Gym*. Grades 6-8 will meet in the *Cafeteria*.

***Kindergarten*** begins on **Friday, September 4. (Meet in Gym)**  
**Noon Dismissal**

**Pre-K begins on Tuesday, September 8.**

Bus passes will be sent by the transportation department of the various townships in August. ***All students need to bring bus passes the first week of school.***

## BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

### CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Your child's Homeroom Teacher will be sending you a "Welcome" postcard shortly, introducing herself as your teacher for the upcoming school year.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

The School Calendar will be distributed on the first day of school. If your child does not bring home a calendar, please call the School Office at (732) 297-6042. *Check the website for revisions or special events.*

### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

**Students K-8 need the following:**

- To be in complete uniform.
- A book bag with supplies that were purchased outside of school. It would be appreciated that *students not use book bags with wheels.*

### FORMS TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED ON AUGUST 20 9:00 AM-12:00 PM; 6:00-7:00 PM

- All required forms enclosed and signed (Publicity, Video Conferencing, Google Apps).
- Emergency Form. The School Office will fill in "B" or "W" on the forms when class assignments are completed.
- Nurse's Forms
- After School Care Registration (optional)
- The following forms are included for your information: Nurse's Information and Reminders/Update.
- Mandatory registration for Constant Contact

*(If you are unable to make the "drop off schedule" or arrange for a "buddy" to do so, kindly put them in the mail before August 26th)*

### BOOKS

- Every *Textbook* is to be covered by the date requested by the classroom teacher. However, *no later than the first week of school. No contact on hard cover books.*
- All *Workbooks* are to be covered with clear contact. For the younger students it is strongly suggested to put a piece of cardboard behind the front and back cover of the workbooks before covering them. *They get a lot of "wear and tear" during the course of the school year.*

### PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

- The Parent/Student Handbook is posted on our website in Kids Mail.
- A Parent/Student Handbook Policy Agreement will be sent home to our new families on the first day of school. *Read the school's policies carefully.*

### SCHOOL MAILINGS

At least twice a month, the school will have mailings which will be in Kids Electronic Mail. It is important that you read all the information in these mailings. The lunch menu is always available on the website. Updated information is usually posted on the website.

### HOME-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Home-School Association will be having general meetings. If you have ideas or suggestions for topics of discussion and/or speakers please e-mail to our website: [info@staugustinenj.org](mailto:info@staugustinenj.org).

## ***ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY SCHOOL***

### ***Mission Statement***

The mission of Saint Augustine of Canterbury School is to foster in its students a love and respect for the values found in Catholicism. Saint Augustine of Canterbury School is dedicated to proclaiming the message of Jesus, to teaching His truth and extending His love while providing an academic program based on excellence and full development of the talents and abilities of the students. The children will develop a lasting relationship with God and a respect for self and others within the framework of an education that fosters self-discipline, creativity, and flexibility. The students will be given the independence to develop their distinct personality that God has given them.

Congratulations to Our Graduates As You Prepare For Your Next Milestone



To our graduates beginning in:  
College, High School, Kindergarten and  
Our New First Graders

Bless you and strengthen you and may you always experience awe and wonder at the grace and the gift of life itself.

Enjoy a new beginning and look forward to it with joy and a heart open to receive the newness of life in a new surrounding, continuing

to learn to love and loving to learn.

Good Luck and remember to be grounded in the Love of Jesus.

We are so proud of you. Rejoice and be glad! A new beginning awaits you!

### **Moving Forward “Together We Are A Vine Of Strengths”**

Our Pastor, Principal, faculty and technology staff, and HSA Team works very hard. As a vital stakeholder of Saint Augustine of Canterbury School you can be very proud. The light of Catholic Education continues to be blazing brightly and strongly today. The goals, objectives and activities will continue to unfold throughout this new school year. We value your input and use it for our future planning and goal setting. Thank you to our parents who help us realize our mission through their volunteer support in word and actions. May God continue to bless our school that we may continue to give glory and honor to His name in Catholic Education.



“School is one of the educational environments where one grows by learning how to live, how to become grown-up, mature men and women... It means doing the little everyday things with a big heart that is open to God and to others. School broadens not only your intellectual dimension, but also the human one.”

Pope Francis