

ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear St. Augustine's Parents,

With Hallowe'en behind us, the time is right to reflect upon another important day in November: Remembrance Day.

With Remembrance Day just around the corner, it is important to pause and think about all who have passed away and sacrificed their lives for freedom and democracy in the countless wars around the world throughout history including today. We remember the victims of war and all those who have died to help bring freedom and to help make the world a better place to live in. Remembrance Day, however, is also a stark reminder that our world is deeply broken and divided because of human violence.

For Christians, Remembrance Day also presents a unique opportunity for us to meditate on the way of peace. God calls us to look to Jesus, who is the Prince of Peace.

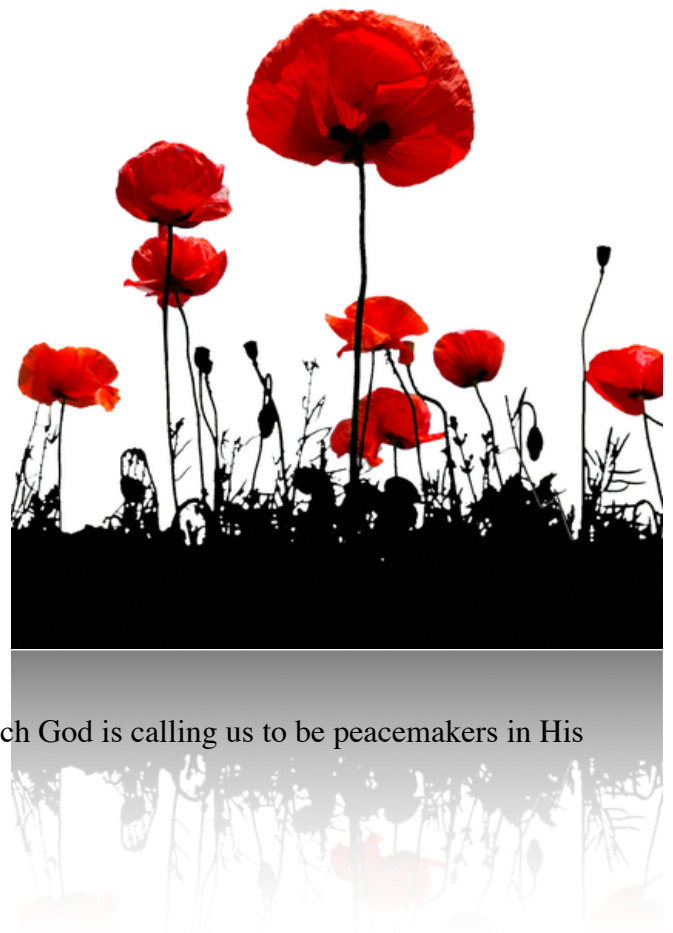
In the life and teachings of Jesus we see that God establishes peace in his world in an unconventional way. Jesus does not enter into physical battle in order to defeat the enemies of God. Instead, Jesus chooses the way of non-violence. He lays down his life and dies at the hands of violence. Only then does God raise Jesus from the dead in the victory over sin and death. In the person of Jesus we see the perfect example of humble obedience, sacrificial love, and life-giving peace.

With this in mind, Jesus' words in John 20:21 come into sharp focus: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." We are all sent by God – ambassadors for Christ – commissioned by the Holy Spirit to announce the good news of God's peaceable kingdom. What's more, we are called to *embody* God's peace in the world. God leads us to be his peacemakers.

During this month of "remembrance" let us seize the opportunity and prayerfully take to heart Jesus' message of peace and follow His way of reconciling love. Let us discern together the ways in which God is calling us to be peacemakers in His world as we continue to proclaim Him in our lives.

God bless.


Mr. Yaptinchay



## PRAYER INTENTIONS



A note to parents that a special prayer basket is set up at the prayer table outside the office. If there is ever anything you would like to pray for, simply write it down on the slip provided and place it in this basket. The teachers meet daily for staff prayer, and we will offer up the intentions we collect in the prayer basket.



## WALKATHON

### A NEW RECORD!!!

Congratulations, SAS! We collected just over **\$52,340!** I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families for their hard work in making our 2019 SAS Walkathon another incredible success! Our community

has stepped up to the challenge. This year, we were once again blessed with amazing weather! An excellent sense of community was felt by all who attended.

Because we reached our school goal, we will be celebrating a non-uniform day as a school and a school pizza lunch (date to be determined)!

Congratulations to our top earning class (average per student), **Ms. Santos' Kindergarten** class! They have earned a special field trip of their choosing.

Congratulations and thank you again, everyone, for all your efforts fundraising for this year's Walkathon! Stay tuned as we tackle the school outdoor space for different play and outdoor projects, new technologies,



### HALLOWE'EN AT S.A.S.

On Thursday, October 31, we enjoyed a day of Hallowe'en fun at St. Augustine. Thank you to Ms. Moffat and her team of teachers and parents who hosted this year's Halloween Carnival in the gym. Thank you to the Grade 7's for our "Halloween Haunted House" and a special thanks also to all the parents who dressed up in costume and helped in the classrooms and gym. SAS raised over \$2500 for the Holy Childhood Association!

There were some great costumes at our Carnival. If

you would like to share any of your photos, you can do so on our shared **SAS Halloween 2019 Photo Album**.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE NOVEMBER 9**

Our annual Remembrance Day Service will be held at 2:15pm Friday, November 8. The assembly will take place in the gym. All parents are welcome to attend this important memorial service.

**SOCIAL MEDIA AND INTERNET SAFETY & RESPONSIBILITY**

With the advent and ease of use of social media such as

Youtube, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to name only a few, children are increasingly using social media to express themselves and post photos and even videos. Please, ensure you are aware of what your children post to these sites. A photo or video that your child posts may seem innocent to him or her, but may not necessarily be to us. If your children create these videos, ensure also to obtain consent from parents of other children who appear in these photos/videos before they are posted to the internet.

As you know, the internet is a very powerful tool. It must be used responsibly. We must keep in mind that it is, unfortunately, also a breeding ground for social predators and is accessible to all. A photo innocently posted that has one of our students in uniform with the school logo visibly exposed makes it that much easier for anyone to locate your child. It is essential that every parent take every precaution to know the activities that their children are engaging in on the internet at all times.



### S.A.S. SCHOOL UNIFORM

As you know, there are many different ways that we encourage our students to show pride in our school. This sense of pride and school spirit can be shown through neatness in school work, organizational skills, strong academic standing, involvement in school clubs and sports, respect for others, among many, many things. An area that we particularly take great pride in is our school uniform. Thank you, parents for helping us ensure that your children come to school in

complete uniform. We have seen a marked improvement in this over the last weeks. Our uniform is a display of instilling a sense of discipline among our students as well as a way of creating a stronger, visible sense of community.

A reminder that summer uniform items (shorts, skorts, and polos) should no longer be worn until after Easter.

Thank you for your concerted effort,

cooperation and support with this very important and visible indicator of school pride at St. Augustine School!





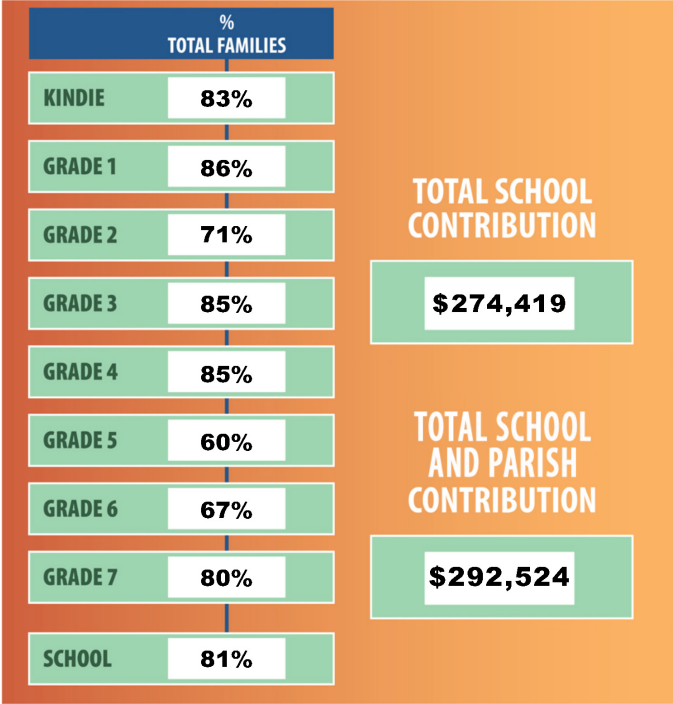
### FALL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

A reminder to support our FALL CAMPAIGN. Thank you to our CLASS CHAMPIONS who have been encouraging every family to support our financial needs. We are grateful for their time and ask everyone to do all that they can to fulfill the commitments that you made last spring with registration. Our goal is 100% participation. Please, be prayerful and generous. Thank you to all the families who have helped the last couple of weekends in October during the campaign

weekend masses as greeters, gift bearers, or bringing your children to mass in their uniforms. We are grateful for the students who acted as commentators, lectors, altar servers or came to sing as members of the choir. Your presence was noticed and felt by everyone!

A reminder that the campaign extends into the first weekend of November. Thank you to all families involved at the masses, and we look forward to seeing many of you there again.

Below is a summary as of October 31, 2019.



### IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

- NOV. 2 - FAMILY DANCE
- NOV. 6 - SCHOOL MASS AT 9:15AM
- NOV. 8 - REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY AT 2:00PM
- NOV. 9 - SPIRIT DAY (GR.7)
- NOV. 11 - REMEMBRANCE DAY (NO SCHOOL)
- NOV. 13 - PARENT PRESENTATION (The Role of the Home - Dr. Deborah MacNamara)
- NOV. 21 - MOvember at SAS (details to follow)
- NOV. 22 - PRO-D (NO SCHOOL)

### LOOKING AHEAD

- Dec. 1 - First Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 6 - Christmas Market
- Dec.12 - Advent Concert
- Dec.13 - NO SCHOOL (Pro-D)
- Dec. 16 - First Term Report Cards sent home
- Dec. 20 - Last day of school before Christmas Holidays (9:15am Mass and NOON DISMISSAL)



### Setting Kids Up for Learning Success: THE ROLE OF HOME



**Presented by Dr. Deborah MacNamara**

What is our role in helping our child be 'school ready' and surviving the ups and downs that come with it? How do we measure success in a way that goes beyond test scores and assessments? This presentation will tease apart the psychological determinants behind a child's learning success and the role of parents in getting them there.

**Wednesday Nov. 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**  
**St. Augustine School Gym**  
**2154 West 7th Ave**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



# PARISH NEWS

## CWL CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Sunday, December 1 from 9:00am to 2:00pm**  
**St. Augustine's Church Parish Hall**

(In support of CWL's chosen charities, Oblate Missions, and *St. Augustine School*)

**Please mark your calendar and shop for all those homemade gifts, stocking stuffers, baking and preserves.**

**Gift Shop Table** received donation of a great number and variety of "Children" and "Adult" DVDs.

Because of space limitations an **Advance Sale is taking place.**

Please, contact Geri Fujisawa at [gerifuji@telus.net](mailto:gerifuji@telus.net) or 604-738-1155 to **list and price for DVDs**. Please place **order by Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> latest** as well as arrangements for payment and delivery.

**Baking/Food Items Table** co-ordinator is requesting parishioners for any donation of regular and Christmas theme home-baked goodies (such as squares, shortbread, tarts, loafs, pies, biscotti, cookies, soda bread, scones, biscuits, etc.); homemade jams, chutneys and preserves (fruits & vegetables), etc.

Please contact Geri for any information/instructions concerning drop-off place and times at 604-738-1155 or [gerifuji@telus.net](mailto:gerifuji@telus.net). **Thank you.**

