

Internet Safety Issue

We wish to address a concern with St. Augustine School families about a potentially harmful social media challenge known as "the Momo Challenge, which has generated growing concern among parents nationwide.

Momo, which has been deemed a "viral hoax" since it began to generate headlines, is a form of cyberbullying allegedly appearing on WhatsApp, YouTube and video games like Fortnite and Minecraft. Users supposedly receive threatening, anonymous messages and images. Users are then asked to carry out "challenges" involving violence or self-harm, without telling family members about the tasks.

Despite the headlines, there seems to be little proof of the MoMo Challenge actually existing. YouTube issued a statement about the challenge declaring that no recent evidence of videos promoting the challenge have been found on the platform.

"We want to clear something up regarding the Momo Challenge: We've seen no recent evidence of videos promoting the Momo Challenge on YouTube. Videos encouraging harmful and dangerous challenges are against our policies."

Regardless of the validity of the challenge, I am asking parents to speak with their children about internet safety and monitor social media and internet use. St. Augustine School will do the same!

As a parent and grandparent of two young children myself, I understand the challenges St. Augustine School parents are facing. We want our children to safely utilize and embrace technology and the benefits it provides, while also being mindful of the potential dangers. Therefore, let's work together and do our respective part by being vigilant, proactive, and continue to share valid and reliable information aimed at keeping our children safe.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or your child's teacher. We can be reached at 866-5480.

Celebrating Creativity

If you have stopped by school recently, you have undoubtedly noticed our intentional and strategic plan to transition away from themed or seasonal bulletin boards into displays of our children's beautiful and creative works of art. They are ALWAYS very eager and proud to see and share their creations with others who attend or visit St. Augustine School.

This initiative is an outgrowth of our St. ABC Committee's visit to Forest Glen School in Indianapolis. Our committee was absolutely taken by the vibrant colors, beauty, and sense of ownership their student bulletin board displays created. Forest Glen students of all ages were so very proud to share and explain which works of art were theirs, and how they created them. Their stories were mesmerizing and their smiles were contagious, which made a vivid and long lasting impression on our committee.

We promptly approached our very own wonderful and creative Art teacher, Mrs. Pat Weigand, about nurturing a similar atmosphere and culture of creativity here at St. A. She was very excited about this opportunity and has absolutely run with it. Our building looks amazingly colorful, welcoming, and inviting to all who enter.

Recent displays Mrs. Weigand graced our walls with include "Let Your Light Shine," "Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary Colors", and "Rainbow of Colors." Examples are now proudly displayed on our school's Facebook page, which is found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Augustine-Catholic-School-790286471043850>

Please stop in as time allows to view and enjoy the spectacular art work on display in our school. You won't be disappointed!

MARCH 

- 7- Newsletter, Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences No School for Preschool
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- 11- End of Third Nine Weeks
- 12-End of Season Basketball Party 6:00 PM
- 13- Report Cards Sent Home
-Swimming Makeup Day
- 14- K-2 Field trip
- 15- Mass Grade 4, Family Movie Night 6:00pm
- 18-21 IREAD Testing Gr. 3
- 19- Pledges and Money due for Walk-A-Thon
for Camp Wack
- 21- Newsletter, Walk-A-Thon for Camp Wack
- 22-29-Spring Break

Save the Date

St. Augustine School Spring Social @ Fair Oaks Farm House
April 27, 2019

Photos Requested

If you have photos from school events and are willing to share them for the yearbook and/or website, please email them to Mrs. Simmons @ s-augustine.org.

Yearbook Orders

Yearbook order forms and sponsor letter are attached to this newsletter. Order forms/sponsor sheets and money are due by March 19th. Yearbooks are \$15 per copy and only available in color. Yearbooks can not be ordered after the deadline.

SAS BUCK\$\$

If you're beating cabin fever by going to the movies, use SAS Buck\$ cards to earn up to 10% before you head to the theater or stream movies at home. Movie retailers available through shopwithscrip.com include AMC, Goodrich Quality Theaters, United Artist, Edwards Theater, Fandango, iTunes, Amazon, and Hulu. Also, there are some excellent bonuses available online right now, including Old Navy and Gap, who have increased their rebate from 14% to 18% from now until March 1st. Questions about SAS Buck\$? Call the school (866-5480).

Walk-A-Thon for Camp-Wack

On March 21st St. Augustine's Student Council will sponsor a walk-athon during the school day. All proceeds will go to Camp Wack. Camp Wack is a camp that provides children and adults with disabilities the opportunity to participate in adapted water skiing using special equipped skis and outriggers to ensure a positive and rewarding ski experience. Pledge sheets have been sent home with each students. They are to be returned to the school office by March 19th. Thank you for your support

Popcorn Poppers

List is the schedule for March Friday popcorn poppers. Please call the school office to volunteer.

March 8-Open

March 15- Open

Box Tops for Education

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school earn money. Box Tops are each worth 10¢ and they quickly add up to real cash for our school. This school year, our school's earnings goal is \$1,250. We have submitted \$401.70 of our goal as of January 10, 2019.

I hope you're excited for everything we can do this year with Box Tops! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office @ 866-5480. We are here to make our school's Box Tops for Education program a huge success this year. For every 10 Box Tops a students submits they will earn one entry into a bi-monthly drawing for a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card. The drawing will be help the end of the months of January and March. Box Tops can also be sent in a baggie of 50. The more Box Tops you send in the more entries you have in the drawing. Please make sure your child's name is on the sheet or baggie to insure entry into the drawing.

MISSION

St. Augustine School prepares children to be Disciples of Christ through Catholic faith formation, exemplary academics, and almsgiving.

VISION

St. Augustine School will be a caring educational community that has a strong Catholic identity and enthusiasm for learning and teaching.

50/50

The next 50/50 drawing will be Friday, March 15th. The cost is \$30 for six months and \$60 for a year. Each month four people win cash; \$100.00, \$75.00, \$50.00, or \$25.00. **WE NEED ADDITIONAL MEMBERS. PLEASE JOIN TODAY!!**

Spirit Wear

We still have tumblers, coffee mugs and water bottle available for sell in the school office.

Playground and Lunch Helpers

List are the volunteers for lunch and playground helper from March 8-March 21. If you not able to fulfill your day, please contact the school office at your earliest convenience so we can get it covered.

Lunch Helpers Mar. 8-March 21

3/8- Sharon or Karen

3/11-Remedios

3/12-Remedioe

3/13-Remedios

3/14-Remedios

3/14- Sharon or Karen

3/18-Rachel Pulver

3/19-Stephanie Casey

3/20- Jenn Cain

3/21- Remedios

Playground Mar 8-March 21

3/8- Cris Kaszniak

3/11- Cris Kaszniak

3/12-Lauren Pitstick

3/13- Cris Kaszniak

3/14- Cris Kaszniak

3/15- Holly Kosta

3/18- Cris Kaszniak

3/19-Lauren Pitstick

3/20-Stephanie Scheckel

3/21- Cris Kaszniak

Spring Social Info _____ The Spring Social for the 2018-2019 academic year will be held on Saturday, April 27th at The Farmhouse Restaurant. Please join us for a night of music, dinner and a silent auction to benefit our school.

The box tops submission

contest will continue on a by monthly bases. A gift card will be awarded in the month of April Ten Box Tops are good for one entry. There is no limit on how many entries a student can have. The more box tops submitted the more chances of winning. This is an ongoing fundraiser. **Please sign up online at boxtops4education.com for sweepstakes and bonuses for additional box tops deposited in our school account. We have earned \$592 this school year.**

