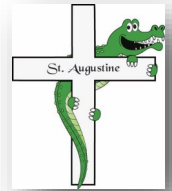




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St. Augustine

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We are on Facebook and Instagram, check us out at St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School or @gatorswelland



On behalf of our entire St. Augustine family, we thank you the parents for the gift of your children. We continue to see our Gators shine in so many ways, growing academically, socially and spiritually. We continue to see compassion towards one another, friendships made and challenges met. Every day is not perfect but it is from those imperfect days that we learn to grow and become better Gators. We would like to thank our amazing Gator Family for making our school the special place that it is. Your kind words, your continued support and your commitment to our school is so appreciated. May God bless our school community and all that support it.

STAFFING

We would like to thank Ms. Spence for her hard work and dedication to our students in both roles as French and Kindergarten teacher this year. We wish her good luck and hope she is back with us very soon.

We would also like to extend our deepest gratitude to Mrs. Heil. After a very successful career in education, Mrs. Heil is retiring after this school year. Mrs. Heil has spent 26 years of her teaching career here at St. Augustine and when you think of the ultimate Gator, Mrs. Heil comes to mind. She is forever a champion of our school, touching the lives of so many families and has been a big part of this great community. We will forever remember the great stories of how Mrs. Heil would perfectly solve situations with love and compassion. Thank You Mrs. Heil We will miss you very much.

Year End BBQ

Our year end BBQ will be taking place on Friday June 14th starting at 4:30pm. Food and drinks will be free to our families. We have secured an ice cream truck for the event for our families who wish to purchase any ice cream treats.

~~~~ Mission Statement ~~~~

*"The Niagara Catholic District School Board, through the charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership, nurtures an enriching Catholic learning community for all to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ"*

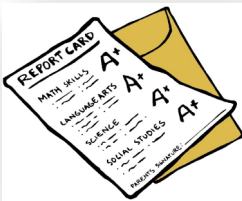
## Yearbook

Our yearbook is complete and will be arriving in the early fall. This year we did not order any additional copies so families that wish to purchase must do so before June 19th. Once the orders are closed we will be sending in those numbers for printed copies. Don't miss out on a great keepsake that will be the talk of the dinner table when our Gators are raising their own families and they share their stories of the time they went to St. Augustine.



## Report Cards

Once again report cards will be available to families via the portal beginning on Monday June 24th. The last day for students will be June 27th.



## Happy Fathers Day

**To all the dads we wish you a great father's day**

**Happy Father's Day dad thank you for all you've done. If there was an award for the best father ever, I'm sure you would have won. You've been my support through good time and bad, I feel lucky indeed to have you as my dad.**

## Kindergarten Registration

Registration continues to be open for students that will be starting school in

September. Stop by the school or call to get information on what you need to do to join our amazing

Gator family. (905) 734-4659.

# Join Our Family

### Fight the Bite!

Ticks, mosquitos and rabid animals have no boundaries and can be a risk to you and your family when

walking to and from school or work, waiting at the bus stop, family trips, and while playing in the yard at home or at the park.

Protect yourself and your family from West Nile Virus:

- Reduce standing water where mosquitoes breed
- Cover up, wear long sleeved shirts, long pants, hats socks and shoes
- Repair any damaged window screens
- Use insect repellants containing DEET or Icardin (follow manufacturer's instructions)

Reduce the risk of Lyme disease:

- Wear light coloured clothing to help spot ticks
- Use insect repellants containing DEET or Icardin (follow manufacturer's instructions)
- Check yourself, your children and pets for ticks after being outdoors
- Cut your grass and dispose of leaf litter where ticks can live

Prevent rabies:

- Vaccinate your pets
- Do not feed or approach any wild, stray or strange animals
- Do not trap, transport, keep or pet any wild animals
- Do not try and nurse sick animals back to health

Presently, all of these diseases exist in Niagara. For more information, contact Niagara Region

Public Health. 905-688-8248 ext. 7590 or 1-888-505-6074

## New Gators

In August, we will be contacting our new kindergarten students to have an orientation date and time for our newest little gators to come and get accustomed to their new home in September. We have found this to be a great help in that first day transition and a good time to meet their new teachers as well as their new classroom. Keep your eyes open for that information which will be sent in mid August.

## HOPE CENTER CEREAL CHALLENGE

In the Month of May, we collected cereal for the Hope Center. Lots of love and support from our Gator community saw a lot of boxes that will now get into the hands of those that need it the most. A big thank you to Post, who also donated an amazing 12 cases of cereal to add to this amazing initiative. Pictured is Phil, Gord and Carly from Post Cereal.



## Graduation

Our grade 8 graduation will take place on Friday June 21st beginning at 5pm in our gym. Dinner will follow for our graduates and family members. Please access tickets on School Cash Online to reserve your spot.



## Kindergarten Celebration of Learning

On Thursday, June 20th we will have our kindergarten celebration of learning. Please join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our kindergarten class as some venture next year into grade one. Our celebration will begin at 11am in our gym. See you there

