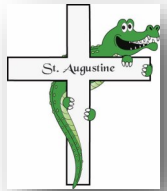




# April, 2024



## St. Augustine

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### *“Sharing the Good News”*

*In the month of April we share the Good News of the resurrection of our Lord. We continue to find ways to spread the Good News in our school community through Prayer, Acts of Kindness and the ways in which we treat one another each day. We have been given Eternal Life because of the sacrifice that Jesus made. During Easter we thank God for his many blessings and ask that he continues to watch over the staff, students and community of St. Augustine each day in all that we do.  
Amen*

**April Prayer** -- In the month of April each day our students will pray

### *Our Father,*

Who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil

*Amen.*

### Parish Events



**We pray for all students who will soon be receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 20th at the 5pm mass.**

#### Mass Times

Sunday: Italian 09:00

English 11:00

Saturday: 5:00pm

Weekday Mass: 8:00 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Weekday Mass: 9:30 (Friday)

#### *~~~~ 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”*



## IMPORTANT

Gator families, it is very important to listen to calls and read the emails we send home to update and keep our families informed. Often those emails and messages going home contain important information and opportunities for our families that are time sensitive. If you miss out on these opportunities, it is often hard to get them back by not responding to them in time. We realize that life is busy, things happen and opportunities get missed but we are sensitive to sending unimportant information home and will only email or call when we feel it is important for you to know of these events or happenings in our school.

### Bikes and Scooters

With spring finally arriving, we will begin to see an increase in bikes and scooters at school. We ask students to please be safe when using both by wearing the proper protection to ensure their safety to and from school. It is also important for students to bring proper locks to keep their bikes and scooters safe throughout the day. We cannot store any scooter or bikes within our building during the day. Our school has ample bike rack space to accommodate several bicycles and scooters and locking them during those times is always a great idea.

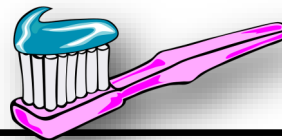


### CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Each month we celebrate the great things our Gators do when no one is looking with our Caught in the Act awards. Keep showing us how great you are Gators.

### Dental Screening at St. Augustine

On April 2nd our dental team will be here from Public Health to provide varnish treatments for our kindergarten class. Information for parents will be sent out via email and parents who do not wish to take part are to call or email public health through the information in the email that was sent.



### Indigenous Workshop for our Gators

On Tuesday April 23rd our students will be taking part in a variety of indigenous craft and art activities to enhance their understanding of the indigenous culture, traditions and past. We look forward to some great learning and fun.

### Dress Code

With the change in weather, students are beginning to stray from dress code and we are asking families to help support the dress code and ensure their children are in dress code each day. Navy blue pants or jeans, navy blue shorts, blue or white collar shirts or Gator spirit wear are expected each day. We take pride in the dress code and having our students follow those expectations daily is important. Please help support us with continuing to ensure your children have the proper dress code items. If you need assistance please contact the school and we will be happy to help.



## April Hope Center Pyramid of Cere- al Challenge

Calling all Gator families. We are building a pyramid of cereal boxes once again this year. This time all cereal will be donated to the Hope Center to help those in our community who need our support. The classroom that collects the most boxes of cereal will win a pizza party for their class. Let's build those pyramids Gators, last time your support was amazing.



Krispy Kreme Fundraiser Success  
**Thank you to all of our Gator Family for making our Krispy Kreme Fundraiser a Success. We raised a little over \$2300 that will go towards lowering year end bus costs for our field trips. Stay tuned for our last major fundraiser coming in May.**



## Sacraments

**On Saturday, April 20th we will celebrate First Holy Communion for those students in grade 2 who are taking part. Please join us at St. Mary's Church at the 5pm mass for the ceremony. We will also be celebrating Confirmation for our Grade 8 students taking part on Saturday, May 11th at 11am. May God Bless our Gators**



## ECO News

Our Eco team has been busy planning a variety of initiatives to help our environment and teach our Gators how to be good stewards of our world. This month and last we looked at waste free lunches, recycling cans and batteries and turning off lights in the classroom and school offices when they were not needed. We hope to continue to challenge our students and families to continue this trend at home and try some of the family challenges we send home this month.

Thanks

## Classroom Placements for Next Year

In the next coming weeks and months we will be busy thinking about next year and creating class lists. These decisions are very strategicaly thought out with our staff to ensure our students are placed in the best class they can be placed in order to reach their potential. We will always take into account friendships and social emotional well being of our students while creating this lists as well

Students will be made aware of class placements prior to the beginning of the school year.

