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**The Halo Report**

"This is my commandment; love one another as I have loved you" – John 15: 12-13



Greetings Parents/Guardians and Teachers!

National Catholic Schools Week will take place the week of January 29-February 2, 2018. This is a great time for our students to speak on why they value their Catholic Education. Parents be supportive of our students in addressing the importance of their Catholic education, and the reason why you chose to send your children to Catholic Schools.

**Reminder:** Please remember we follow Prince George's County Public School delays/closures and have been from the start of the school year. See page 48 in our *Parent/Student Handbook* for details. However, in the event that closure/delays of Prince George's County is not effective to the District of Columbia area, Sister Gloria will have the authority to decide whether we will be open/closed or delayed.

**ATTENDANCE:** Today, January 17, 2018 Saint Augustine school did open on time, and followed our regular schedule routine. However, we are aware that PG County schools did close today, and some students were unable to come in or were kept home due to the inclement weather. Your child will be marked for an excused absence for today, if your child did not attend school today.

**COMMUNICATION:** Parents, we want to make sure that you are always informed at all times with any information that takes place with the school. We have four ways of communication: [Halo Report](#), [School Messenger](#), [Email](#), and [Bloomz](#). If you have not received notifications from any of these sources or having difficulties, please come to the main office to update your contact information or get assistance. This is a very important matter.

**HALF DAYS:** There will be a half day on Friday, January 26, 2018 for students, due to the parent/teacher conferences that will be held from 1:30 – 5:00pm. Please speak with child's teacher through Bloomz or briefly in person on how to manage times.

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** Middle School students grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> will be attending the "March for Life Rally on January 19, 2018. Permission slips were sent out January 10th, and should have been **RETURNED BY** today, January 17, 2018. If you plan for your child to not attend, keep your child home. Please see pg. 26 in our Parent/Student Handbook.

**CANDY DRIVE: THE END IS NEAR!!!** Come to the main office to pick up your chocolate or to pay the remaining balance by **MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018** to support our school fundraiser by purchasing and selling delicious chocolate! We thank all parents and teachers who have participated thus far, and we encourage **ALL** parents and teachers to participate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the main office.  
**PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

Sincerely,  
Sister Gloria Agumagu, HHCJ

## Calendar

\*Dates are Tentative Until Further Notice

1/19 March for Life  
Middle School Students

1/26 Second Quarter  
Report Cards/Parent/  
Teacher Conference

1/28 Catholic School  
Kick Off /10:00am Mass

2/5 HSA MEETING

2/7 CYO Basketball  
Tournaments begins

## Mission

Saint Augustine Catholic School's primary task is the communication of the person and message of Christ. We provide this through standards-based curriculum, community service, and leadership opportunities in a global society.  
*(Adopted on November 12, 2008)*

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**Theme 2017-2018:**

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1/17/2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Flu season is upon us and there is also public concern currently being expressed about the harsh strain of the flu virus in the United States. The advent of flu season is an opportunity to review good hygiene measures that we are taking here at Saint Augustine Catholic School. As a preventative measure to safeguard the health of our school community, our teachers are reviewing general hygienic practices with students and will keep hand sanitizers in each classroom, as well as other public areas of the school buildings. Additionally, our janitorial staff is being asked to thoroughly disinfect open surfaces with hospital-grade and eco-friendly cleansers on a daily basis.

I would ask that you also reinforce with your child good hygienic practices at home as well. Please implement these preventative measures as a common household practice:

- Cover nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, then throwing the tissue away. If a tissue is not available, then cough or sneeze into the bend of the elbow.
- Remember to wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Use alcohol-based hand cleaners after washing hands.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth.
- Try to avoid close contact with anybody displaying flu-like symptoms.
- If your child has not yet had his/her flu shot, please make an appointment with their physician, or contact your local county health department for information on community flu shot clinics.

If your child becomes ill or displays flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue), then please consult your child's physician. We ask that you keep your child home until he/she can remain fever-free without Tylenol or other medication for 24 hours or you have a doctor's note saying it is safe for them to return to school.

For more information on flu, please visit the CDC's website at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu>.

Please be assured that the health and well-being of your children is our priority. Thank you for your support and working with us to maintain a safe and healthy environment for your children to learn and grow.

Blessing in Christ,

Sister Gloria Agumagu, HHCJ  
Principal