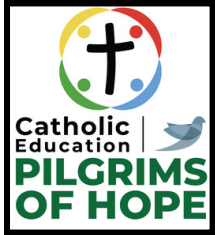


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FALCON NEWS

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The Advent Wreath is used in preparation
for Christ's Birth

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

From Principal Maloney

IG: @principal_maloney

This is the season of Advent. It is a liturgical season when we prepare for the birth of Baby Jesus. This year, Advent dates are from **Sunday, December 1st** to **Tuesday, December 24th**. Each day during Advent, we light (a battery-powered) candle in classes during morning prayers and reflection. There are three purple candles and one rose candle on an Advent wreath. Some wreaths also include one white candle in the centre. Each candle has a meaning: The First week (Purple) represents **HOPE**; Second week (Purple) represents **PEACE**; Third week (Rose) represents **JOY**; Fourth week (Purple) represents **LOVE**; Christmas Eve (White) is the Christ candle to symbolize the arrival of Jesus. Our newsletter is in Advent colours to observe this important liturgical season of preparing. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to our St. Augustine students and families!** 



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St. Augustine CSS

I-STEAM is a four year project-based program focused on Innovation, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math.

Students will develop skills in critical thinking, design, collaboration, and creativity while becoming 21st century learners.

Interested? Apply Today!
Program Application:



Deadline To Apply: Dec 20 2024

Decision Date: Jan 17 2025

Questions? Contact Us:

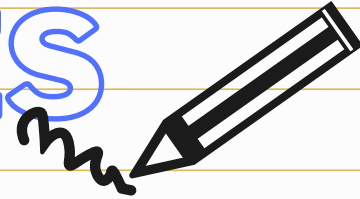
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IMPORTANT DATES



December 16 & 18 Falcon Winter Fest (Gr. 8 Visits)

December 17 Christmas Music Concert (P. 2)

Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 Christmas Break (school closed)

January 6 Classes Resume

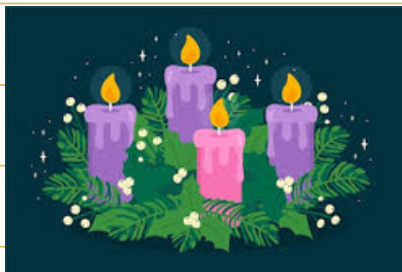
January 22-28 Examination Period

January 29 Exam Review Day

January 30 No Classes. Semester Turnaround.

January 31 Semester Two Begins

Merry Christmas



*Happy
New Year*



Our NEW Administrative Team: Welcome, Mr. Pallotta!

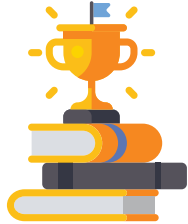
VP Lowie, Principal Maloney, VP Pallotta



St. Augustine C.S.S. is pleased to present our NEW Administrative Team. There have been a number of changes over the last few years so we look forward to some stability. Welcome to our new Vice Principal, **Mr. Antony Pallotta** (Alpha A-K), who is joining us from St. Joseph's in Mississauga. **Ms. Teddi Lowie**, Vice Principal (Alpha L-Z) and **Ms. Sophia Maloney**, Principal, have been here for almost one year. We look forward to serving our school community together.



Academic Awards Ceremony



On November 27th, St. Augustine recognized the academic excellence of our students for the 2023-24 school year. Honour Roll Medals, Subject Achievement Award Certificates, and Top Average Plaques were awarded during the ceremony. Thanks to our Hospitality Classes for preparing refreshments and to our Guidance Team for planning the event!. Congratulations to all award recipients!





Festive Night of the Nines

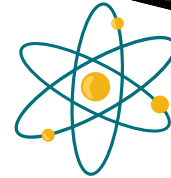
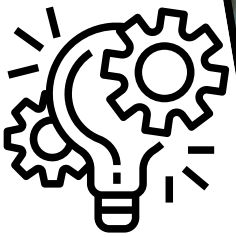
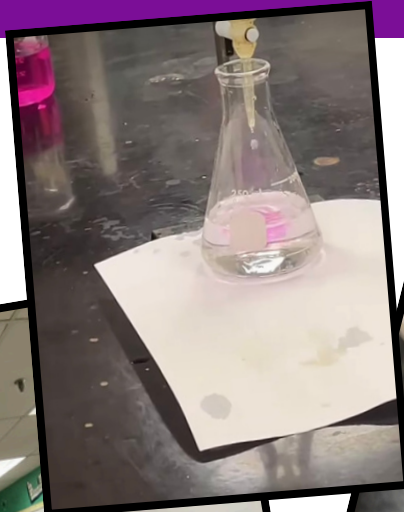


On December 11th, St. Augustine hosted, **Festive Night of the Nines**. This was a fun-filled event for our Grade 9 students to enjoy an evening of activities with their peers. This included, sporting activities in the gym, crafting and karaoke activities in the library, and cookie decorating in the Hospitality classroom. Thanks to all of the staff and student helpers who made this such a successful event! - **Ms. Lowie**, Vice Principal



ST. AUGUSTINE STEM CLUB

EXPERIMENTATION & INNOVATION



The St. Augustine STEM Club is in full swing this year, and our talented students have been diving into some truly exciting experiments! From mastering chemical reactions in our titration lab to getting spooky with an Iodine Clock Lab for Halloween, our members are constantly exploring new scientific concepts in creative ways. Most recently, we had a blast extracting DNA from strawberries, showing how science can be both fun and fascinating. These students are not just learning; they're experiencing the thrill of discovery firsthand. Keep an eye on the STEM Club as they continue to inspire with their innovative projects and experiments! - **Mr. Grecki**, Science Teacher.

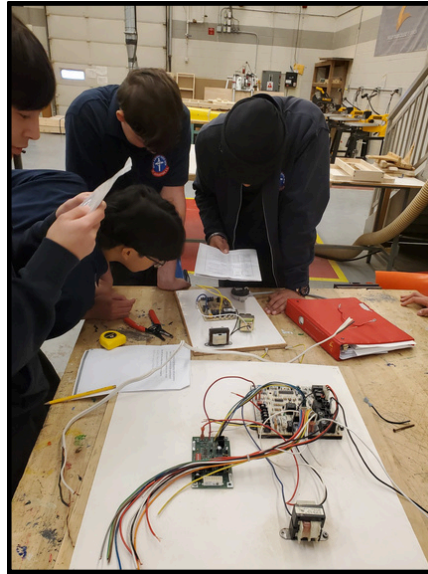


Technological Education – HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning)

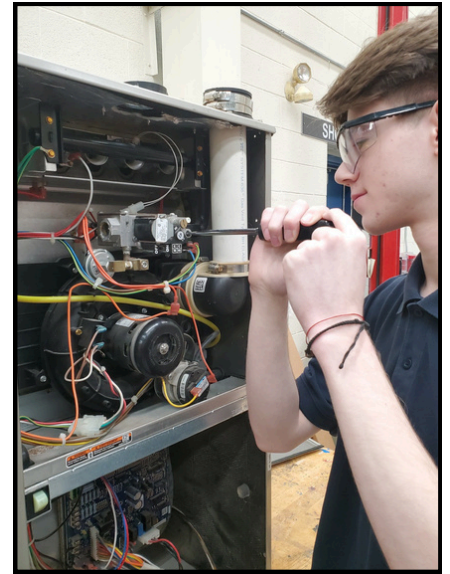
*Mr. Sansalone's
Class*



Conner threading an iron pipe



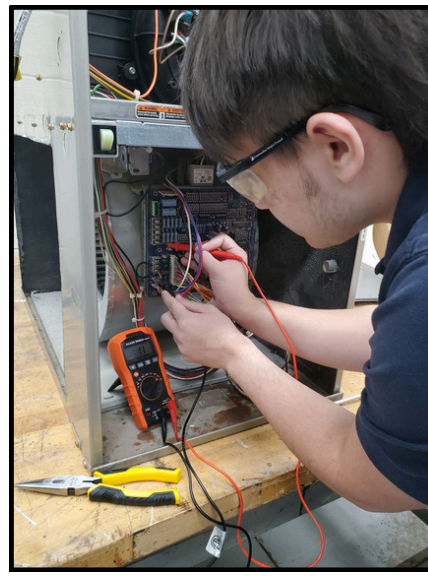
Students wiring up control
boards using schematics



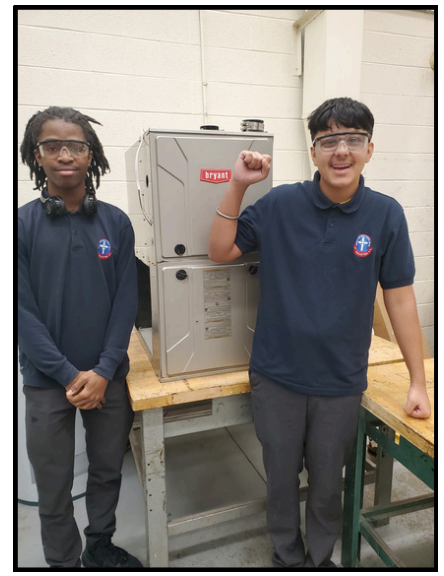
Tiago
adjusting gas pressure on a
furnace



Godswill installing a brass
fitting on a hot water tank



Nolan using a multimeter to
check the Ohms on a Furnace
Board



HVAC is a new course this year
and is included in our
CONSTRUCTION SHSM Program.
See your Guidance Counsellor
for more information.



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Technological Education – Construction

Mr. Simpson's Class



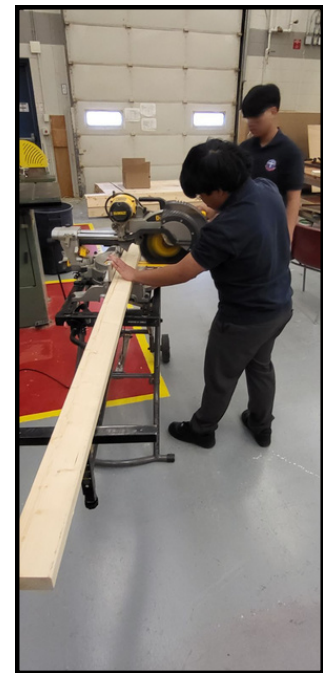
Construction Classes are “hands-on” learning.



Students measure twice and cut once.



The Model structure is underway! See your Guidance Counsellor for more information about courses and The Construction SHSM.



Students preparing boards for the model structure.



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Business Department News

Congratulations...

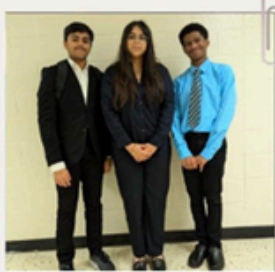


to our grade 10 business students who competed against other secondary students across Ontario in the *Junior Achievement* sponsored BizCafe online simulation that took place last month.

Of the 106 teams, the cafe jointly managed by **Zavier Silva, Yaira Philip, and Matthew El-Khoury** placed 4th overall.



Way to go Falcons!



Arjun, Apreet, Christian



Armaan



Christian



Aleena, Beerjot, Nimarpreet, Janeza

CONGRATULATIONS to *all* our **DECA** members who competed on Friday November 22, 2024 at the Regionals Competition at North Park Secondary.

A special congratulations goes out to *Christian Blackwood* for placing *second overall* in the *accounting* event and to *Armaan Arora* for placing in the *top ten* in the *principles of finance* event.



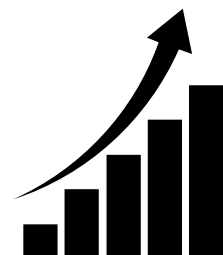
Business Department News

SANTA'S MARKETPLACE

The Entrepreneurship & Innovation Club (EIC),
in conjunction with our DECA chapter,
hosted 26 student entrepreneurs
in our forum on Wednesday December 11.

Our student vendors showcased their creativity, skill, and know-how
as they offered up their products and services
to enthusiastic Christmas shoppers.

Congratulations to all for a very successful and rewarding event!



Business Department News



St. Augustine's grade 11 marketing class brought the annual *Macy's Day Parade* into their classroom.

By creating parade balloons of their favourite characters, students learned about the importance of branding, especially during the holiday season!

Santa Claus is coming to town!



Co-operative Education

Ajeh Ratheeswaran

CO-OP STUDENT OF THE WEEK!



Works at
Radisson Hotel
as a Receptionist

Grade 11 • 2 credit

Ms Prete Mr Ramos

Trystan Vieira

CO-OP STUDENT OF THE WEEK!



Works at
The Renovators in Brampton
in Carpentry

Grade 11 • 4 credit

Ms Prete Mr Ramos

Keirck Teodoro

CO-OP STUDENT OF THE WEEK!



Works at
Burton Manor
in Long-term Care

Grade 11 • 2 credit

Ms Prete Mr Ramos

Sarah Hutchinson

CO-OP STUDENT OF THE WEEK!



Works at
Roots, Bramalea City Centre
as a Sales Associate

Grade 12 • 2 credit

Ms Prete Mr Ramos



It's been an exciting time for our Co-op students! This week, they returned for their fifth integration day, sharing impressive progress and growth from their work placements. A huge thank you to the employers who have been excellent mentors throughout this invaluable experience.

As we approach the final assessment period over the next few weeks, we wish our Co-op students the best of luck in demonstrating all they've learned and accomplished.

For those interested in exploring Co-op opportunities for the upcoming year, we were thrilled to speak with Grade 10 and 11 classes during recent Course Assemblies, as well as in their period 2 classrooms. If you're considering Co-op, feel free to connect with us in our office at the back of the library.

We're incredibly proud of our Co-op students and look forward to celebrating their successes as the program continues!



Junior Boys' Basketball



The Jr. Boys' Basketball Team are participating in tournaments this year. Their first tournament was held on November 29th & 30th. The boys only had a couple of practices before this tourney but they came in third place overall after three wins and one loss. GO FALCONS!

Thanks to their coaches **Mr. Bude** and **Mr. Hopkin**. Go Falcons!!!



Fierce Falcons – Step Team



Our St. Augustine STEP TEAM - FIERCE FALCONS has brought school spirit to several school activities! They also performed at the board-wide Black Excellence Expo in November. Look out for them at Home Games and other special events. Thanks to their teacher advisor, **Ms. Williams**.
GO FALCONS!





Thrive in Community

December 2024

Supporting Mental Health and Well-Being



DPCDSB THRIVE in Community Newsletter

The DPCDSB Mental Health and Well-Being Team has created a THRIVE Community Newsletter to be shared with staff and families each month.

The link to the December edition of the THRIVE newsletter is: [THRIVE in Community Newsletter – December 2024](#)



PARENTS/GUARDIANS GET INVOLVED!



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FUTURE MEETINGS:

Wed. Feb. 12

Thurs. April 24

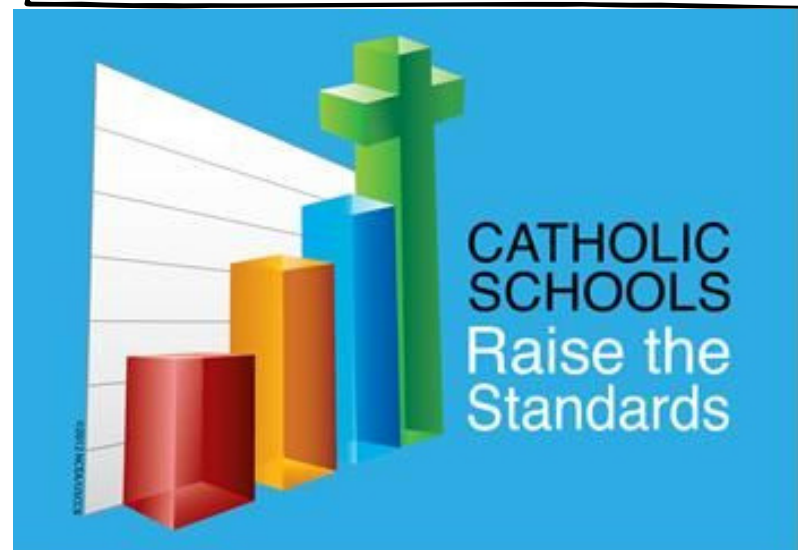
(Public Budget Consultation)

& Wed. May 14

@ 6:30 p.m.

in the

School Library



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MONTHLY VIRTUE

DECEMBER 2024

HOPE

Hope is the virtue of relying on God. It keeps us searching for true happiness and sustains us during hard times or discouragement.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

with

MR. PUIGMARTI



Preparing for the Christ Child

What kind of birthplace are you providing for the Christ Child? Is the straw shiny and golden and clean? Is the manger solid, and will it hold up under His weight? Are the animals quiet, scrubbed, brushed?

Have you made the door to the stable of your heart secure against the cold winds of apathy, selfishness, indifference, so that these cannot penetrate? Is the dry wood of your sacrifices, your penances, your prayers, ready to be lit to provide warmth in that cold stable?

Are you ready for the coming of Love? Behold, He comes in the womb of a woman! You will catch your first glimpse of Love on the straw of a stable. There He is, emptying Himself, the Lord of Hosts becoming- out of love for us- a Child.

This Child who lies in the manger possesses all power and glory! He has dominion over life and death. Nothing escapes His care. He made all the laws which brought the universe into existence. They were created by Him and are subject to Him. It is the same Child, the same humble Carpenter of Nazareth, the same Man who died naked on a cross, who possesses all power and glory.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Let Us Pray...

O God, during this very busy season in the world and in my life, help me to pause and make time for you. Help me to prepare my heart to receive you this Christmas. Help me to see anything that distracts me from loving you and others. Amen.

St. Augustine, pray for us!

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL:
Sophia Maloney

VICE PRINCIPALS:
Teddi Lowie and Antony Pallotta

CHAPLAINCY LEADER:
Marc Puigmarti

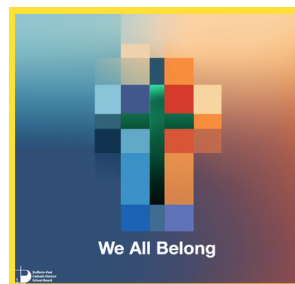
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