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THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION PROVIDES ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL WITH \$18,700 GRANT FOR BRAND NEW TEXTBOOKS TO KICK OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR

New principal already seeking solutions to better serve students

DALLAS—St. Augustine Catholic School students kicked off their first day of school this year with a new principal and new textbooks.

Marian Davis, the Pleasant Grove school’s new principal, solicited support from The Catholic Foundation so her students could start the school year with brand new educational materials. Edwin M. Schaffler, president and CEO, honored her plea with an \$18,700 grant to purchase textbooks and supplemental materials.

“I can’t tell you how much I appreciate The Catholic Foundation stepping up and helping St. Augustine with these materials,” said Davis. “This was an emergency grant, and I know Ed Schaffler had to reach out to several sources to pull together the funds to make this possible.”

The grant was made possible through The Catholic Foundation’s President’s Fund along with additional support from Donor-Advised Funds maintained at the Foundation. Several individual donors also added contributions. The Foundation supports Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Dallas through its Unrestricted Fund as well as Donor-Advised Funds. This support enables schools to make infrastructure repairs, purchase materials, provide scholarships and more.

“St. Augustine is just one of the excellent Catholic schools that can be found throughout our diocese, and The Catholic Foundation is committed to supporting these important educational institutions that benefit our future generations,” said Schaffler. “Through the support of our many donors, we are able to meet crucial needs of our Catholic community, including education.”

Because she didn’t know whether or not the new materials would arrive by the first day of school, Davis secured used textbooks from All Saints Catholic School. A St. Augustine staff member thought the donated books were the “new” books for the year. When Davis explained

the new books were still coming, the staff member was both surprised and excited that they were getting truly new books that had never been used.

St. Augustine received new English books for 3rd-8th grade students, as well as reading, handwriting and phonics materials for K-2nd grade students just in time for the first day of school.

Davis, an All Saints Catholic Church parishioner, said that she is proud of the high caliber of teachers that St. Augustine has secured for the school year, as all are Catholic, certified in the field in which they teach, and are happy to be at St. Augustine. She is passionate about serving the families at the school and is currently working to find additional funds for tuition assistance.

“These families are making huge sacrifices so that their children can attend Catholic school, so it is so important to provide tuition assistance when we can,” said Davis. “Our families value education, and they know Catholic schools provide a quality education.”

About The Catholic Foundation:

Chartered in 1955, The Catholic Foundation was founded by a group of dedicated Catholic laymen with a vision that extended far beyond the charitable needs of the moment. For 55 years, this independent, nonprofit corporation has dedicated its resources to compassionate charitable giving through grants provided by benefactors through its many planned giving programs. During the last 25 years alone, more than \$68 million from the unrestricted endowment and donor-established funds has been provided to meet the needs within the Diocese of Dallas and the community, through grants to various religious, educational and charitable organizations. For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, call 972.661.9792.

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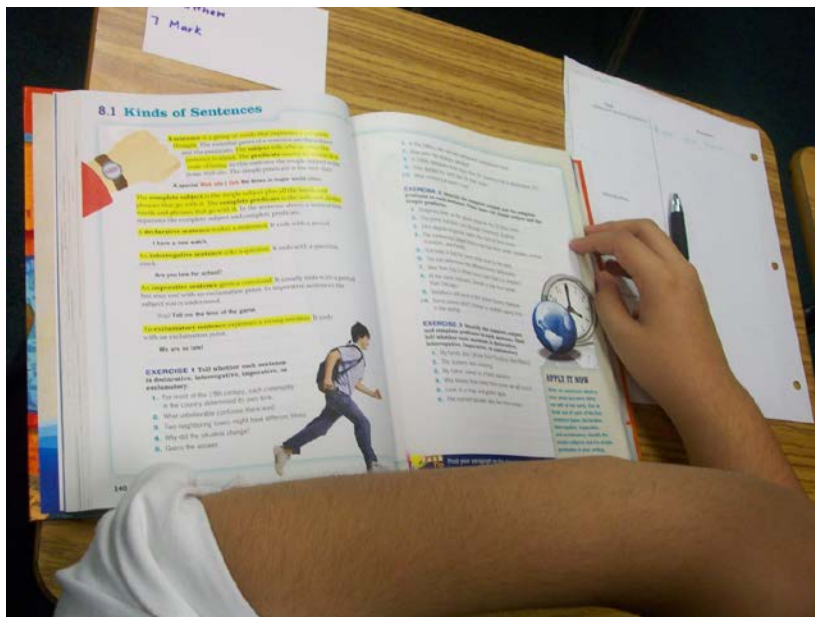
Pictured above: Principal Marian Davis visits a first grade classroom during St. Augustine Catholic School's first week of school, as the students delve into their new SuperKids language arts materials. The new materials were purchased through a grant from The Catholic Foundation.



Pictured from left: Principal Marian Davis joins first grade teacher Anna Mahaffey and her class as they celebrate the new educational materials the school received through a grant from The Catholic Foundation. The class was learning about "C" words the first week of school through their new SuperKids curriculum.



Pictured above: Marian Davis, principal of St. Augustine Catholic School in Pleasant Grove, joins a first grade student on the first week of school to display new educational materials that were purchased through a grant from The Catholic Foundation.



Pictured above: Students at St. Augustine Catholic School in Pleasant Grove received brand new textbooks to kick off the 2011-2012 school year, thanks to a grant from The Catholic Foundation.



Pictured above: Middle school students at St. Augustine Catholic School follow along in their new textbooks during the first week of school. The textbooks were purchased through a grant from The Catholic Foundation.