
AUTISM NEWS NETWORK

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The month of August

The name of the month was originally a Latin word, Sextilis. In 8th century BC, during the early Medieval period, the month was renamed to August in honor of Augustus Caesar, the first Roman emperor.

Back to school



With summer dwindling down it's time to get in those last minute family vacations before your kids start back to school. They are many types of ways in helping your school and your community during the school year, from donating supplies for teachers, or buying an extra backpack for a student in need. When you are purchasing school supplies for your family, consider buying some extra for those in need.

Many students come to school without basic supplies, and teachers often spend money from their own paychecks to provide supplies for their classroom. By donating supplies you will help your child's school and classroom run more smoothly while ensuring all students have what they need to succeed.

A Prayer For Our Students

Lord, thank you for the **unique gifts** of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with **fresh enthusiasm** and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your **enduring love**, give them **confidence and grace**, and equip them with the ability to **persevere** through trials. Bless their teachers with **wisdom, understanding, and a heart to serve**, as they embark on the journey together! **Amen!**



Psoriasis Awareness

August is Psoriasis Awareness month and is used as an opportunity to educate and inform sufferers on a range of topics varying from treatment, causes, triggers and Management of the inflammatory and often irritating disease. Affecting men and women of all races and all ages. The disease can display on a variety of body parts at any given time, it's important to know what you can do about it if and when you are affected by it.



American Family Day

American Family Day is on the First Sunday in August. It encourages us to enjoy the waning summer rays with those dearest to us. Principally, the day encourages families to spend time with one another. There are many ways to do that, too. Play games outdoors or go for a walk. Have family beach time or go on a picnic. Have a family movie night, or find other things to enjoy together.



Friendship Day

Friendship day is celebrated every year on the first Sunday in August, but it is important to be a friend everyday. Friendship is one of the most important and valuable things in our life. It is the most beautiful gifts you can present to anyone. You meet many people in the course of life, but only a few stay with you forever. Social interactions can be baffling for people on the autism spectrum. They may become easily overwhelmed or frustrated when they try to develop and sustain friendships. Making friends can be frightening, confusing and anxiety-provoking for people with autism, so always be kind and understanding.



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