



Weekly Newsletter 10.4.2017

From Our Principal

Greetings St. Catherine Families,

Welcome to October! What a beautiful week for our 7th & 8th graders who are away at camp at Warm Beach! A reminder that this Saturday is the annual Salmon Dinner. Many thanks go out to Jim Koory, Heidi Burgess and their team for planning this wonderful community event!

A few other things to mention this week...

Jog-a-thon Update: Thank you to Alexis Wood and all of the Jog-a-thon volunteers! Despite the wet weather, the St. Catherine students came out with energy and excitement. The Jog-a-thon was a great success! This year's addition of classroom themes really came through to give an extra push to the runners. Thank you to all volunteers who made the morning go smoothly!

As a reminder, next Tuesday October 10 is the **FINAL Turn in Tuesday**. There is still time to collect on the per-lap donations as well and recruit new sponsors on 99 pledges. We are so close to reaching our \$25,000 goal as a school, so let's reach for the stars!!

<https://99pledges.com/fund/stcatherine2017>

Don't miss out on **The DONUT TRUCK**, which will be visiting the school on Friday October 20th!!! All students reaching \$150 in donations are eligible to participate.

Speech Team Begins! It's time to launch the 2017-18 St. Catherine Speech Team! Speech Team is open to all 6th-8th grade students and is

a fun and exciting way to learn valuable public speaking skills, not to mention a great way to represent our school! Last year's St. C. team brought their 'A' game and some great competition to the other schools in the area - we won some impressive awards and had a ton of fun along the way! I know this year's team can go even further!! If your middle school student was on last year's team - come on back! We really want to see some new faces this year as well! No experience necessary! Please join us next Monday, October 9th, for an informational meeting at 3:15pm in the Learning Commons. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting as well.

Blessing of the Animals: Today, October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. Each year we hold a special pet blessing around this feast day. Since our 7th & 8th graders are gone to camp this week, Fr. Mark agreed to hold this annual event next Thursday, October 12th at 3:15pm on the plaza. Small animals should be kept in cages and all dogs must be on a leash. Please bring your pets to receive a special blessing!

Veteran's Day Assembly: We are looking ahead to November and starting to plan for the Veteran's Day assembly (It will be on Thursday, November 19th @ 2:25pm in Victoria Hall). Mrs. Horrigan and the Leadership students will be creating a slideshow and would love to include pictures of your loved ones who are Veteran's, or are currently active in the military. This is a wonderful way to honor our St. Catherine military family members. If you would like to include a picture in the slideshow, please send it in jpeg format (size small) to Mrs. Horrigan at mhorrigan@stcatherineschool.net. Please email your picture no later than October 27th - we will be unable to include photos received after this date. Also, we'd like to invite and honor veterans and active military members to attend. Please RSVP to Mrs. Horrigan to let us know if a current or former service member will be attending. Thank you!

Congratulations to this week's Tiger Paws Winners: **Lucy M.** (1st), **R.J. M.** (4th) and **Beckett S.** (7th). Thank you for being a Paws-itive role model for others!

Have a great St. Catherine day!

Blessings,
Pam Schwartz

2017-2018 Family Handbook

The Family Handbook has been updated for the 2017-2018 school year and is posted on our website [here](#). **If you haven't yet, please read the Handbook, share the information with your children and then send a signed Family Handbook Verification form in to the school office as soon as possible.**

Annual St. Catherine School T-Shirt



Order forms for the annual St. Catherine School T-Shirt are going home in today's family envelope, and are also available in the school office. Please fill out and return, with payment, by Friday, October 20th!

Safe Environment Program Training

Volunteers with unsupervised, ongoing access to minors and vulnerable adults are **required to complete the Protecting God's Children course within 90 days of beginning service.**

SAVE the DATE: St Catherine will be holding a training session on Wednesday, October 11th from 6-9pm in Victoria Hall. If you need to complete this volunteer requirement, please join us! Please register [here](#).

We are in need of two volunteers, who have already completed this training, to help with this session. The volunteers would help set-up tables and chairs, as well as help the facilitator check in people and enforce the rule that people cannot attend if they are late. If interested in this opportunity, please contact [Amanda Lucero](#) in the school office.

Volunteer Requirement

Please remember that anyone who volunteers in our school or in the parish must take part in the Safe Environment Program in three ways through the VIRTUS program. In order to be a Safe Environment approved volunteer you need to:

- Register at www.virtus.org
- Read and approve policies
- Complete a background check
- Take the introductory class, Protecting God's Children

If you have any further questions contact [Charlotte Van Hollebeke](#) in the

St. Catherine Harvest Festival



Join us at the Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 6:00-9:00 pm! Don't miss this fun St. Catherine School tradition! There is a Chili Contest, Cake Walk, Dunk Tank, Pony Rides, Face Painting, and much, much more. Look for a Pre-Registration form included in your family envelope today!

Anyone who is looking for volunteer opportunities for the Harvest Festival, please email Kerri Dellisanti at kdelli@gmail.com.

Chili Contest - Join the fun!

Categories are: Beef, Poultry, and Vegetarian.

Please deliver your chili entry to Victoria Hall by 5:00pm on Saturday 10/21. Please LABEL your Crock Pot.

All chili will be judged before the Harvest Festival and winners announced by the MC around 7pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Carr at ladybugcatering@yahoo.com or (425) 248-8833.

Cake Walk Bakers Needed

Boo-ya! Harvest Festival's Cake Walk is always sweet. We do need baked goods to entice our little "gob-lins." Please email Vanessa Kimble and let her know if you can bake (or buy) treats.

Mark your calendars! The St. Catherine Book Fair is October 31- November 3!

This fundraiser is a really big deal to the St. Catherine library. **The more families spend on books, the more money Scholastic will give to the library to develop its collection. In fact, the majority of the library's budget to buy new materials comes from this book fair.**

So, have a voracious reader at home? An upcoming birthday? Need stocking-stuffers? The St. Catherine book fair is the solution to all of that!

Also seeking help for setting up, tearing down, and being a cashier at the Book Fair. Please contact the librarian, [Molly Moore](#) with interest or questions.

Development News!

It's yard sign time!

If you live on a busy street or corner and would be willing to advertise our 11/16 Open House, please stop by the office to pick up a yard sign!

Sounders - SOLD OUT!

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the 10/15 Sounders match. Have a great time!

Auction Procurement Party

Join us for beer, wine & appetizers at the 2018 Auction Procurement Kick-off meeting on Wednesday, October 18th from 6:30-8:30pm in the Learning Commons.

The auction team is gearing up for our best auction yet and would love your **help brainstorming ideas that will get the money rolling in!** Just bring yourself and your imagination and get ready for a night of fun.

Please RSVP to Kristin at klitke@stcatherineschool.net so we know how many people to expect.

2017-2018 Scrip Program

What Is ScripNow?

Physical gift cards are delivered to St. Catherine in the mail, but a ScripNow eCard is delivered right to your ShopWithScrip account minutes after ordering. Plus, in most cases, you can select an amount for ScripNow more precisely than buying a gift card with set denominations.

To view retailers that offer ScripNow, go to the [Shop page](#) on ShopWithScrip and choose ScripNow under the Card Type filter. You can order ScripNow for over 350 retailer brands and receive your card instantly when you checkout with [PrestoPay](#). You can also use ScripNow when you're online shopping. Just copy and paste the eCard code and PIN if the eCard has one into the gift card field on the checkout page.

For more information about the scrip program, please visit <http://www.stcatherineschool.net/scrip.html> or contact Scrip Coordinator, [Chelsey Samonte](#).

You may also buy out your scrip obligation completely (less paperwork/higher revenue for the school!) by making a check payable to St. Catherine Parent Club in the amount of \$150.00.

From the Lunch Room

If your child needs utensils to eat their lunch, please be sure to pack them with their lunch. The school does not provide utensils.

October Hot Lunch

Happy Fall! Thank you for all the orders thus far. It's been fun to hear all about your kids' summer adventures and how excited they are to be a year older. I hope the start of school has been as great for you as it has for us.

Most of you will be happy to learn that I have added PAYPAL (ladybugcatering@yahoo.com) and VENMO (ladybugcatering-2017) to the payment options. If you select either of these options, **please send in your order form with a note stating your payment form.** I will still take a picture of the form and email it to you with confirmation of payment. Check or cash are great as well.

Please see the October menu and order form [here](#). It is also available on the St. Catherine website and in the school office.

Contact me at ladybugcatering@yahoo.com or 425-248-8833.

Thanks!
Shannon Carr

CYO Basketball

Registration is now open for kids in grades 1-8 for the upcoming basketball season. Please click [here](#) to register.

If you are interested in coaching or have any other questions please contact Carol Ramirez at karolra24@yahoo.com.

BoxTops

Hello Families! It's Lori Low (my daughter is in 2nd grade). I am the BoxTops Coordinator for the school and I am very excited to help raise funds for St. Catherine School by collecting as many BoxTops as possible from all of you! This is a simple way for families to support the school. All you do is clip off the pink BoxTop on qualifying items and send them in to

school. **Each BoxTop is worth 10 cents to the school!**

I am kicking off the year with a fun BoxTop collection contest. You will receive a BoxTop collection sheet in today's family envelope. For every sheet submitted back to the office by Thursday, 10/19 you will be entered in to a drawing for a fun Fall prize pack. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at chrisandlorilow@gmail.com. Thanks for your support!

Attention Amazon Shoppers!

Please follow these two easy steps and **help our school get 6% back every time you shop!**

Step 1: Sign up for AmazonSmile and choose "St Catherine" as the charity of your choice.

Step 2: Use the link on the bottom right of the school's home page every time you shop.

It's as simple as that! 6% (or more, depending on how many people participate!) comes back to the school! Thank you!

Salmon Dinner

On October 7th, in Victoria Hall, you and your family can have a fabulous meal! Enjoy a delicious dinner in the company of friends and family.

Reservations are \$15.00 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12 and free for children 5 and under. Tickets at the door are \$20.00 for adults. School staff members are free. The order form is available in the school office. Please deliver the completed form to the office with your payment by tomorrow, 10/5/17.

The Salmon Dinner is also a great volunteer opportunity!

Interested? Call Jim Koory @ (206) 354-4458 or contact him at jimkoory@yahoo.com.

North Seattle Catholic Youth Group

We had an amazing turn out for our first North Seattle Youth Group meeting this past Sunday. Come check it out this Sunday!

Sundays starting October 1st at Victoria Hall, St. Catherine Parish:
Middle School - 5:00-6:15 PM
Fellowship Meal - 6:15-7:00 PM

High School - 7:00-8:30 PM

Contact Kate Brown at Kate@nseattlecatholicyouth.org with any questions or if you would like to volunteer.

Women's Retreat - November 3-5

Join us for a women's retreat, Finding Peace in the Chaos, led by Victoria Ries at the beautiful Palisades Retreat Center in Federal Way!

Friday, November 3rd (dinner at 6pm, come as early as 4pm) through Sunday, November 5th at 1pm.

We'll discuss ways to be in communion with God in our daily lives, how to make time for prayer, and foster kindness in our community and world amid the challenging political climate.

Never been on retreat before? Don't worry! This is a stress free, casual weekend with large blocks of free time.

Cost: \$200 - Includes six meals and two nights in a comfortable room with a private bath.

[Register here!](#)

We will help arrange carpools. Please contact [Kristin](#) with any questions!

Dates to Remember

Tues, 10/3 - Thurs, 10/5	8th Grade to Warm Beach camp
Wed, 10/4 - Thurs, 10/5	7th Grade to Warm Beach camp
Wed, 10/4	K-8 Early Dismissal - 2:25PM
Thursday, 10/5	5th & 6th Grade Corn Maze Field Trip
Friday, 10/6	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Excellence Day
Saturday, 10/7	Salmon Dinner - 6:00-9:00PM
Wed, 10/11	K-8 Early Dismissal - 2:25PM
Thursday, 10/12	8th Grade DC Trip Parent Information Meeting - 6:00PM
Friday, 10/13	October Birthdays Free Dress Day Middle School Field Trip to Seattle Children's Theater
Wednesday, 10/18	ALL SCHOOL NOON DISMISSAL

Saturday, 10/21

Harvest Festival - 6:00PM

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