



Weekly Newsletter - 3.1.2023

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Upcoming Events & Calendar Reminders

Wednesday, March 1st & Thursday, March 2nd:

- Noon Dismissal Days for K-8 Students
- Optional Spring Conference Days
- Book Fair in Gym Foyer

Tuesday, March 7th:

- March Birthdays Non-Uniform Day

Friday, March 10th:

- No School for all Students
- Grandfriends Breakfast @ 9am, hosted by Parent Club

Saturday, March 11th:

- Parent's Night Out @ 7pm, hosted by Parent Club

We're Having a Book Fair!

The Scholastic Book Fair is here at St. Catherine from February 27th-March 5th.
Information can be found on our [Fair website](#).



2022-2023 Yearbook

Attention Parents! We are in the final countdown of our 2022-2023 Yearbook. We will turn it in in April, so they will be delivered by the end of the school year. The Yearbook staff needs your help. Please send any pictures you take throughout the school year to yearbook@stcatherineschool.net to be included in the yearbook. **We are particularly interested in: Ski Bus, Back to School, Harvest Festival, Christmas Program, and outside of school activities.** Thank you for your help!

Yearbook questions? Send an email to Ms. Elsner (celsner@stcatherineschool.net).

Order forms for the 2022-2023 school year are now available in your SchoolAdmin Parent Portal under the Optional Checklist section. Yearbooks are \$30 each and you will be charged via SchoolAdmin at the time of your order.

8th Grade Parents!

In the 8th grade dedication pages in the Yearbook, each student will have their school photo from this year, a quote (one from the three they will have included in their ROPE), an old school photo and other pictures from their childhood. Feel free to include a baby picture, first day of Kindergarten, favorite summer vacation, first day of 8th grade, or anything in between! Pictures of mainly/solely your child are best for these pages.

Here are the pictures you need to send in: one school photo from somewhere between Kindergarten-5th grade, 3-4 photos from their childhood (anywhere from birth-now), and optional - other photos of the Class of 2023 from over the years. We'll include these in another page!

Please email these photos to yearbook@stcatherineschool.net by Friday March 10th. Please include your child's first and last name in the subject line of the email.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Elsner (celsner@stcatherineschool.net).

Family Handbook Reminders & Updates

Reminder about Electronic Devices

The use of electronic communication devices during normal school hours is prohibited; these include but are not limited to **Smart Watches**, electronic games, I-pods, and other hand-held games or music devices.

New content added to Family Handbook under Family Communication:

When parents or third party providers request records about a student, or request staff completion of surveys, reports, etc. regarding a student, the teachers and/or staff will need the request two weeks in advance. Teachers are not able to complete this type of communication on demand.





GRANDFRIENDS BREAKFAST

Friday · March 10, 2023



9 · 9:30^{am}

Mass



9:30 · 10:00^{am}

Take Your Grandfriend to
Your Classroom



10:00 · 11:00^{am}

Grandfriend | Student Breakfast

Breakfast Buffet

brought to you by Lady Bug Catering
& Refreshments provided



Photobooth

Take a photo keepsake with you!

Student Performances

Grandfriend Slide Show

Please send photos with Grandfriends to:
stcatherinegrandfriendphotos@gmail.com



\$14 PER PERSON

REGISTER TODAY!

Registration deadline is Friday, March 3rd



Got Questions?

Email: pcinfo@stcatherineschool.net

Lucky for Grandfriends



ST. CATHERINE

ROCKS

FEATURING THE AWESOME COVER BAND
VOTE FOR PEDRO
AT VICTORIA HALL

MARCH 11TH
7 PM - 10 PM

TICKETS \$40

**DON'T MISS THIS FUN EVENT
BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**



**LIVE DJ • COVER BAND • DANCING • DRINKS • SNACKS
DRESS LIKE A ROCKSTAR OR YOURSELF**

DON'T MISS OUT • SCHEDULE YOUR BABYSITTER TODAY!

St. Catherine School presents: Once Upon a Mattress!

Starring students from 4th-8th grade, get ready for a *royally* good time. In this imaginative retelling of the storytime classic, *The Princess and The Pea*, get ready for this laugh-out-loud production full of lively music, dance, and plenty of comedy.

The students in this production have worked incredibly hard to put on an incredible show and now, we send you our royal invitation to attend one of our shows on **March 16th at 7pm, March 17th at 7pm, March 18th at 11am, and March 18th at 7pm**. Tickets will be available at the door and in advance (ticket purchasing links to come). Tickets will be \$5 for children (under 9), \$10 for adults, and \$20 for a full (immediate) family discount!

Volunteer Opportunities

As the musical begins to settle into its final place, Ms. Clara and Ms. Jones desperately need some volunteers to come help on Sunday, March 12th from 12pm-5pm. On 3/12 they will be covering the music room walls and some of the gym windows in black paper to create a backstage! They will also be moving the set to where it will stay and making sure the whole backstage area is opening night ready! Any and all help on this day would be beyond appreciated.

Also, if there are any students or parents who would like to volunteer to help out backstage during the shows, before with makeup, hair, and costumes, or with clean-up after, we need you!

Please fill out the attached survey where you can sign up for volunteer spots as well as hair and makeup slots:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSed6OPNjrj0IYyzUMuLyxaPVXcCw1jrvL09cp6vy-uE9-fww/viewform?usp=sf_link

All the best,
Ms. Clara & Ms. Jones

2023-2024 School Calendar

Here are the key calendar dates for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Teacher Meet & Greet and Back to School BBQ: August 31st
- 1st day of school: Tuesday, September 5th (noon dismissal)
- In-Service Day (no school): October 13th
- Mandatory Fall Conferences: November 2nd-3rd
- Veteran's Day Observed (no school): November 10th
- Thanksgiving break (no school): November 23rd-24th
- Christmas break (no school): December 18th-29th
- New Year's Day (no school): January 1st
- MLK Jr. Day (no school): January 15th
- In-Service Day (no school): February 9th
- President's weekend/break (no school): February 16th-20th
- In-Service Day (no school): March 8th
- Easter break (no school): April 1st-5th
- Memorial Day (no school): May 27th
- Last day of school: Friday, June 14th (10:30am dismissal after the Moving Up Mass)

The full 2023-2024 calendar will be released later this Spring and available here in the newsletter and on our website.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

The St. Catherine Auction is coming up on May 13th!

HAVE YOU DONATED?

It's not too late! All Donations need to be submitted by March 31st.

Not sure what to donate?

Don't worry! Check-out the [Auction Item Sign-up](#) for some great ideas.

Reach out to the auction team with any questions
auction@stcatherineschool.net

Career Day 2023

Would you like to show our St. Catherine Tigers how cool your job is? You're in luck! We are looking for more Career Day volunteers for Friday, March 31st from 1 to 3 pm!

What makes this year special and unique is that volunteers will have the chance to go directly to their child's classroom to share information about their career. This also counts towards your volunteer hours for the year.

- Not wanting to present? No problem, because we also need volunteers for the "job fair" portion of the day!
- Want to help but can't make it that day? Please ask anyone who has a passion for their work to join us! Cousins, neighbors, your local plumber, etc. All are welcome!
- We are especially looking for more unique trade jobs to be represented this year.

Questions? Please reach out to [Mr. Ward](#).

St. Catherine School Social Media Email

Have you been looking for a way to share your amazing photos from weekend sporting events? Do you have pictures of St. C's Tigers doing great things? Please share them with us at socialmedia@stcatherineschool.net.

Make sure to include a description of the event along with names and grades of the St. C's Tigers. #thetigerway

Volunteering at St. Catherine School

Each family with students in grades K-8 are required to contribute 40 volunteer service hours during the school year. Please report your hours using the Volunteer Hours Summary Sheet, which can be found [here](#), and return it to the school office.

Looking for opportunities? Check out the [Volunteer Opportunities](#) sheet! It is updated frequently so be sure to check it often.

If you have any questions concerning your Safe Environment requirements, please contact Charlotte Van Hollebeke at cvanhollebeke@stcatherineschool.net.

Middle School Student Volunteer Opportunity

We have a couple volunteer opportunities coming up this spring. NE baseball and TOPS soccer teams are looking for buddies to play alongside friends with disabilities this spring. No experience necessary, just a willingness to help and learn. St. C students, Kate V. and Kate W. play on both teams.

Here are the details:

1. North Seattle Challenger Baseball:
 - 1.5 hours on Saturdays for 8 weeks (specific dates TBD)

- Need about 10 buddies
- To register as a buddy, please email Alison Winfield at alisonvwinfield@gmail.com
- We understand that buddies may not be able attend every game and that is fine.

2. TOPSoccer:

- Sundays from 1-3pm at Arena Sports Magnuson
- Dates: 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18
- Buddies should be in 6th grade or older
- To register as a buddy, please sign-up here: wys-topsshoreline.affinitysoccer.com and contact anne.bare@susa.org if you need help.
- We understand that buddies may not be able to commit to every session and that is fine.

Thank you for your consideration!

Kids Night In--Parents Night Out Blanchet High School Fundraising Event

Parents--do you want a night off, knowing that your child will be having a blast with other area Catholic School students? Faculty and students at Bishop Blanchet will be hosting an evening of dinner, games, activities, movies, prizes and more on Friday, March 10th from 5:30-10:30 at Bishop Blanchet High School. The cost is \$100 and all proceeds will go toward scholarships for students participating in an educational tour of Greece and Italy this summer. Space is limited, so please register soon to secure your spot!

If you would like to register, fill out [the form](#) below by Wednesday, March 8th. Please contact Kori Boyd at kboyd@bishopblanchet.org or call (206) 841-1441 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

[Registration Form](#)



St. Benedict School is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, and ticket sales are now open to the community!

The Spaghetti Dinner is from 12pm to 7pm, on Sunday, March 12, 2023, in the St. Benedict school cafeteria, and hosted by our middle school families.

Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$10 for students & seniors. Tickets are expected to sell fast and reservations will fill up, so please be sure to secure your family's spot (and grandparents and other family and friends!) as soon as possible.

[Purchase your tickets and make your reservations](#)

Thank you for your support!
 St. Benedict School - Enter from the playground on the southwest side of the school.
 4811 Wallingford Ave N
 Seattle, WA 98103

Seattle U Men's Basketball

Seattle University is pleased to welcome the St. Catherine Community to our on-campus arena, Redhawk Center, for our final men's basketball home game of the year on Friday, March 3rd. Our community gets a discounted \$10 general admission ticket to this exciting matchup. To purchase discounted tickets click: <https://fevo.me/stcatherine0303rhc>

Summer Prep @ Seattle Prep

Summer Prep programs at Seattle Prep – inspiring camps for middle school students entering the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades in Fall 2023.

Week 1: June 20 – June 23 (Half and full-day options available.)

Week 2: June 26 – June 30 (Half and full-day options available.)

[Click here](#) to view more details, course offerings, and registration.

Sports

- Basketball
- Football
- Rowing (Crew)
- Volleyball

Arts

- Draw, Paint, & Create!
- Having Fun with Graphic Design
- Hip Hop Dance
- Lights! Camera! Action! Digital Video Production
- Snapshot! - Digital Photography

Academic Enrichment

- Doctor! Doctor! Medical Dissection
- Leadership
- Pop! Fizz! Chemical Reactions
- Robotics - Mechanical Structures for VEX Robots
- Robotics - Learning to Program VEX Robots
- Spanish Immersion
- Writer's Workshop - Creative Workshop

What parents have to say about Summer Prep:

Excellent space and facilities, well-organized camp, great exposure and experience, friendly and caring staff, FUN and engaging experience. Easy pick-up and drop-off!

I cannot express enough how grateful we are for the past two weeks of camp. The teachers were so impressive, and the Prep student coaches were wonderful role models. Thank you for running such a great program.

My son interacted with new people learned new skills and had fun. The camp was well organized and the kids completed a project by the end of the week. We've gone to more expensive camps that were much less organized. Thank you!

My daughter came home tired but with a smile on her face every day. Also, it was nice to give her a taste of being on the campus of a high school.

ACC: Labor of Love Auction

Coming soon to your computer and smart phone: the ACC's 21st annual Labor of Love Auction! Starting Sunday, March 12th, an abundance of superb items will be available online at <https://acc2023laboroflove.ggo.bid>. The auction will end Sunday, March 19th. This year's treasures include theater and sports tickets, weekend getaways, restaurant gift cards, wine and wine tasting, home-baked goodies—and much more.

Sponsored by Advocacy and Caring for Children (formerly the Association for Catholic Childhood), proceeds will benefit children and families in need. See our website for more

details: <https://www.advocacyandcaringforchildren.org/>

Fred Meyer/QFC Community Rewards

Fred Meyer/QFC are part of a program called Community Rewards to give back to the community! Each year, Fred Meyer intends to donate \$2.5 million (up to \$625,000 per quarter) to local schools, non-profits, and charitable organizations. Customers can designate where these dollars get spent.

If you are a Fred Meyer customer head to Community Rewards and link your rewards card <https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards>. When you shop with your rewards card, you'll help earn donation dollars to the charity of your choice. St. Catherine School organization code is AF109. You may select only one non-profit at a time. Also, note that this does NOT impact your quarterly Rewards or Fuel points. You'll still receive all those benefits on top of this program. Today we have 26 families linked to this program and we still receive rewards. Imagine our rewards if every school family took the time to register!



MASS SCHEDULE

ST. CATHERINE

SATURDAY	5PM
SUNDAY	*9:30AM
WEDNESDAY	9AM
FRIDAY	9AM

CONFESSION	SATURDAY 3:30 - 4:30PM
ADORATION AT ST. BENEDICT	1ST FRIDAY 6 - 7PM
ANOINTING OF THE SICK	1ST FRIDAY 9AM

*Livestream Available



ROSARIES

WEDNESDAY	9:30AM
FRIDAY	9:30AM



OPEN FOR PRAYER

FRIDAY	10AM - 12PM
SATURDAY	3:30 - 4:30PM

Mission & Philosophy

St. Catherine of Siena Parish School is a welcoming, Christ-centered community, rooted in the Catholic faith and inspired by Gospel values. As an extension of the parish and with Jesus as our model, we are dedicated to lifelong growth in faith, love, and learning.

We recognize that the care and education of the child begins with the family and that parents are the primary educators of their children. In partnership with parents, we work to promote our students' achievement and spiritual growth. Together we are committed to developing responsible, ethical leaders who think critically, act justly, communicate effectively, and serve willingly.

Vision

We are committed to providing a faith-filled, inclusive, and welcoming learning environment for all our students. Through our rigorous academic programs, our students will gain the cognitive, technological, and social skills necessary to become ethical, innovative leaders who successfully navigate the complex challenges of today's world.



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