



## ***Weekly Newsletter - 3.15.2023***

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### ***Upcoming Events & Calendar Reminders***

**Thursday, March 16th - Saturday, March 18th:**

- Once Upon A Mattress Performances (see below for specific show times)

**Monday, March 20th - Friday, March 31st:**

- March Give Drive Supporting the Maple Leaf Foundation

**Tuesday, March 21st: World Down Syndrome Day**

- Wear Crazy Socks!

**Wednesday, March 22nd:**

- Non-Uniform Day
- Noon Dismissal Day for K-8 Students

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### ***Grandparent Spirit Store has Re-Opened***

Don't miss your opportunity to order our popular Grandparent spirit gear items! Show your favorite grandparents some STC love. Place your order today!

<https://collegethills.com/collections/st-catherine-school>

**The store will close on Friday, March 17th, at 9:30 am.**



L293 | Navy  
Port Authority® Ladies Sub Fleece Full-Zip  
Jacket



F295 | Navy  
Port Authority® Sub Fleece 1/4-Zip Pullover



L51253 | True Navy  
Sport-Tek® Ladies 1/4-Zip Sweatshirt

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL  
PRESENTS:

**Once Upon  
A Mattress**

**YOUTH  
EDITION**

7pm - Thursday, March 16th, 2023  
7pm - Friday, March 17th, 2023  
11am - Saturday, March 18th, 2023  
7pm - Saturday, March 18th, 2023

\$5 PER CHILD  
\$10 PER ADULT  
\$20 (IMMEDIATE) FAMILY DISCOUNT

**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 (click the button below). Tickets will be \$5 for children (under 9), \$10 for adults, and \$20 for a full (immediate) family discount!

**Buy Tickets!!**

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Looking for volunteer opportunities? We have several options coming up:

### ***Drama Volunteers***

We need 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.

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/1FAIpQLSed6OPNjrj0IYyzUMuLyxaPVXcCw1jrvL09cp6vqy-uE9-fwv/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSed6OPNjrj0IYyzUMuLyxaPVXcCw1jrvL09cp6vqy-uE9-fwv/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### ***Moving Volunteers***

We are looking for 3-4 volunteers for each of the following dates:

**Wednesday, March 22nd @ 12-2pm:** Help move desks from the Church Basement to the storage garage. Having a big car/truck would be helpful but we have one available too.

**Wednesday, May 24th @ 8:30am-1pm:** Clean out the storage garage & make a dump run. A big truck/trailer will be provided to make the dump run.

Please email [Amanda](#) to sign up for these opportunities. Thank you in advance!

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### ***Give Drive Supporting the Maple Leaf Foundation***

From March 20th through March 31st, we are excited to support the Maple Leaf Foundation. The Maple Leaf Foundation is a non-profit organization that has created affordable, nurturing, child-centered housing for families who must relocate to Seattle for long-term pediatric cancer and cardiac care. To learn more visit the [Maple Leaf Foundation](#).

The student leadership team has put together a list of needs [here](#). All donations can be dropped off in your child's homeroom classroom or the school office before March 31st. Thank you for your support!

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### ***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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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## **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.

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## **Final Push for Career Day**

Why did the elephant get rejected for a job? His qualifications were completely irrelephant!

Ok, bad jokes aside, I am sure all of you have great stories about how and why you landed your dream job or even your first job in high school. Career day is quickly approaching, (Friday, March 31st), and I am still looking for many volunteers to make this a special and influential day for our students. If you have had a job in your past (or present) that has given you joy, please consider being a part of our job fair where you can chat with students about all the details of that job. Do you have someone in mind who would be good at this (neighbor, friend, relative)? Please ask them to join! The more community present at this event, the more impactful it will be for our students. On the fence? Please email me with questions: [kward@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:kward@stcatherineschool.net). I'd be happy to give you more details.

**PS:** There is a very true rumor that parents will receive **DOUBLE** the volunteer hours for this event!

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

MARCH 31st IS THE AUCTION PROCUREMENT DEADLINE

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE TODAY!](#)

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Join us for a night of camping under the stars

**May 13th, 2023**  
St. Catherine School - Victoria Hall  
Invitation and ticket sales to follow

**CAMP ST.C.  
AUCTION  
2023  
SEATTLE, WA**

  
**DONATE TODAY!**

**Haven't donated?**  
Don't worry! There's still time.  
All donations need to be in by March 31st

Reach out to the auction team with any questions  
[auction@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:auction@stcatherineschool.net)



We are a former St. Catherine's family (6 kids) who have an 80 acre regenerative farm specializing in wholesome food production - located on the Olympic Peninsula. On our farm we produce grass finished beef, forest raised pork, pastured raised chicken, turkeys and eggs, and also have a summer vegetable box program delivered to Maple Leaf throughout June, July and August. All of our products are all available on our website at [www.hyperionranch.com](http://www.hyperionranch.com).

### ***DEIB Resource Library***

**Happy to announce our new [diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging resource library!](#)**

Thanks to a group of volunteers working with the school, we are excited to provide a variety of student and family resources in the areas of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. Aligned with our school's vision of being a welcoming and inclusive environment, we are hopeful you find these resources useful!

### ***Social Media & Youth Mental Health Webinar | March 29, 3pm***

Presented by the Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network and Rutgers University, this webinar focuses on specific strategies that parents, counselors, and teachers can

implement to help teens navigate the challenges that social media can create. Webinar registration [here](#).

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### ***Seeking Host Families for Cultural Connections!***

Bishop Blanchet High School is currently seeking host families to support their International Student Program. Families that are excited to host a high school student from another country and enjoy a culturally enriching experience in their household are most welcome to contact BBHS to learn more. The current monthly stipend is \$1,150 for a ten-month homestay to help offset hosting costs. Inquiries should be directed to: Janah Valenzuela Cardin, Director of International Student Services, [jvalenzuela@bishopblanchet.org](mailto:jvalenzuela@bishopblanchet.org) or please visit: <https://www.bishopblanchet.org/admissions/international-program/homestay-families>

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# Chess Scholars

Spring 2023

St Catherine of Siena School

No Experience Needed



Grades 3–8

Develop your child's intellect through the royal game of chess! Current research has shown a strong link between chess and academic performance in a variety of areas, including mathematics and language arts. Chess has been proven to enhance children's motivation, concentration, focus, social skills, and creativity. Each class will consist of a fun, interactive teaching period and guided practice time. Both beginner and experienced players are welcome and will learn under the guidance of an experienced Chess Scholars coach.

**Schedule:** 9 Thursdays, April 6th - June 8th, 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM  
No class: 4/13

To sign up, please visit <https://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup>.

You will need to enter the course code **CSW4.6.23** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 3/29 for the early bird price of \$162.00.

If you have difficulty registering, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at 847-482-9999 or [registration@learningmeansfun.com](mailto:registration@learningmeansfun.com)

All participants must conduct themselves in a manner that allows all students to fully participate during the class without impeding their experience. We have a no refund policy, unless there is insufficient enrollment. No make-ups will be scheduled for inclement weather or circumstances beyond our control. Please be aware of this as there will be no refunds. It's the parents' responsibility to remind the children about the classes.

If schools are closed during the program session, classes will pivot to all-virtual sessions. Please be aware of this as there will be no refunds made. Program provider has experience in virtual delivery.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:cvanhollebeke@stcatherineschool.net).

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## ***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](mailto: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](http://wys-topsshoreline.affinitysoccer.com) and contact [anne.bare@sya.org](mailto:anne.bare@sya.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!

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## ***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/>

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## ***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!



The graphic is a vertical poster for St. Catherine Parish School. At the top is a circular logo with a geometric, floral-like pattern. Below the logo, the text "MASS SCHEDULE" is written in large, bold, black capital letters, with "ST. CATHERINE" in smaller, bold, black capital letters underneath. A horizontal line separates the mass schedule from the other services. The mass schedule is presented in a table format with days of the week on the left and times on the right. Below this, three services are listed: Confession (Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 PM), Adoration at St. Benedict (1st Friday 6 - 7 PM), and Anointing of the Sick (1st Friday 9 AM). A note "\*Livestream Available" is placed below the Anointing of the Sick. The bottom section of the graphic is a dark brown color and contains three items: a rosary icon, the word "ROSARIES" in large white capital letters, and the schedule for rosaries (Wednesday 9:30 AM, Friday 9:30 AM). Below that is a prayer hands icon, the text "OPEN FOR PRAYER" in large white capital letters, and the schedule for prayer (Friday 10 AM - 12 PM, Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 PM).

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

CONFESION 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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