



## School Newsletter - 11.17.2021

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### *Calendar Reminders*

**Today, Wednesday, November 17th is an early dismissal day for K-8 students. Students are dismissed at 2:25pm.**

Wednesday, November 24th is a half day for all students. K-8 students are released at 12pm, and all preschool students are released at 12:30pm. There is no full day preschool, PM Pandas or after school Extended Care.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there is no school on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th.



### *Paws-itive Parent Corner*

**Katie Brewer, Caitlin Dill & Katie Jensen, you were caught being a Paws-itive St. Catherine Parent!** Thank you for helping spruce up our preschool playground before our open house. Your Paws-itivity is purely perfect!

### *It's Class Contest Tiger Fund Time!*

The class with the highest percentage of participation will win a popcorn, donut, movie, and extra recess party! All pledge forms or online donations are due by November 19th to count for the class contest. So don't wait; make your donations today. We will announce our class contest winner on Friday, November 19th. Keep those pledges coming! The Third Grade class is in the lead with 78% participation. Way to go, Third Grade!



**ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL  
THE TIGER FUND**

Thank you to all who have already made gifts to the Tiger Fund! If you haven't already done so, please take a minute to fill out your pledge form here: <https://www.stcatherineschool.net/tiger-fund>. It's easy to make your gift through FACTS in

one, three, or 6 payments or by credit card. Contributions to the Tiger Fund are 100% tax-deductible. EVERY donation makes a difference!

**Thank you to all those that have already made their donation! Your generosity is truly appreciated!**



### ***Christmas Parade***

**Join us for our 2nd annual Christmas Parade of Cars on Thursday, December 16th from 5:30-6:30pm in the parking lot.**

Our parking lot will be full of lights and festive sights, including our decorated class trees. The fifth-grade class holds the trophy....who will be the next class to take home the honors? Come show off your Christmas decorated vehicles and drop off a donation for the food drive. There may even be an appearance from Santa and his elves!



***You are invited! Come celebrate community & the Holy Eucharist at Mass!***

Saturdays at 5pm  
Sundays at 9:30am

Masks are required. Special seating is available for those wishing to social distance.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Outdoor COFFEE and DONUTS are back during Advent following the Sunday Mass!!  
11/28, 12/5, 12/12, and 12/19

***Parent-Counselor Learning Sessions are coming this December 2nd!***

Nothing combats the mental health and interpersonal challenges of COVID like community and vulnerability. In that spirit, I am introducing the first St. C's parent-learning session titled "Building Resiliency in Our Homes." This first session will take place on Thursday, December 2nd from 6 to 7 pm on Zoom.

In order for more age-specific topics to be discussed, the session will be split into two groups according to the developmental levels of our students. From 6:00 to 6:30pm the presentation will focus on children from grades PreK to 3rd grade, and from 6:30 to 7pm the presentation will focus on children from grades 4-8.

Here is the Zoom link to save, but I will also share it a few more times before the 2nd:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85855566115>  
Meeting ID: 858 5556 6115

To better focus the conversation, enter any questions or topics you have regarding resiliency in your home on this Google form, and I will try to incorporate it into the presentation. <https://forms.gle/w9hYwHADHUr8FbqT6>

I hope to see you on December 2nd!

Mr. Ward

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## ***Lost & Found***

The Lost & Found in the gym foyer is full of lots of unclaimed items. The bin will be outside the back doors of the gym before and after school next week (11/22-11/24) - please come take a look to see if your child's lost item is there.

It is helpful to label your child's items (coats, jackets, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc.) so that we can return it to their rightful owner.



# ST. CATHERINE AUCTION CASINO ROYALE Auction | May 7, 2022

noun | A system of buying and selling goods or services by offering them for bidding, allowing people to bid, and selling to the highest bidder.

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The auction committee has already been working hard behind the scenes so you can put your best poker faces on, on May 7, 2022!

## Here's what we've been up to:

- Growing our volunteer committee and meeting monthly all together
- Researching several plans to accommodate the ever-changing regulations with the pandemic
- Mailing letters to local businesses for sponsorship
- Updating the auction 2022 website
- Brainstorming class projects and building teams for each grade

**We need YOU! Reach out to hear more!**

Email : [auction@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:auction@stcatherineschool.net)

## Class Projects

We are in need of 1-2 parents per class to work with our auction committee lead, St. Catherine's very own Preschool Teacher **Sophie Burke** to coordinate this project.

### Project Volunteers Needed:

2 for Kindergarden • 2 for 1st Grade  
1 for 2nd Grade • 2 for 3rd Grade

You will be choosing a fun class art project, and coordinate with the teacher and kids to complete.

Sophie already has some great ideas and so does pinterest if this task seems daunting.

Each class will be allotted a certain amount from the auction fund for project supplies. If interested in being a class project lead please respond by November 26, 2021.

➤ **INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH CLASS PROJECTS?** ⚡  
Email Sophie Burke : [switter@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:switter@stcatherineschool.net)

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## ***Spirit Days are Back!***

**By the order of the principal, all Thursdays this year are Spirit Days!** Students should wear uniform bottoms along with their favorite spirit gear items: STC jerseys, STC spirit socks, STC beanies & baseball hats, and Tiger t-shirts.

Go Tigers!!

Also, the following noon dismissal days are free dress/non-uniform days:

- Wednesday, November 24th
- Wednesday, December 8th
- Friday, December 17th - Christmas Spirit Free Dress
- Wednesday, March 16th
- Wednesday, April 6th
- Friday, May 27th
- Wednesday, June 8th

## ***St. Catherine Spirit Store***

The St. Catherine Spirit Store is now open on Mondays before school from 8:00 am to 8:30 am and after school on Thursdays from 2:45 to 3:30. Come check out the items we have in stock. The Spirit Store is located next door to the school in the Siena Center Building @ 8610 8th Ave NE.

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## ***Preschool & Kindergarten Applications***

Are you a current preschool family thinking about kindergarten for next fall? Or do you have friends thinking about preschool or kindergarten? Applications for the 2022-2023 school year are open. Please apply online on our website at <https://www.stcatherineschool.net/how-to-apply>.

If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Matusak at [tmatusak@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:tmatusak@stcatherineschool.net).

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## ***2020-2021 Yearbook Update***

There have been a lot of questions about when we can expect the 2020-2021 yearbooks and the short answer is very soon! The school office just finalized the yearbook and it has

been sent to the printer - yay! Once they have arrived to the school, we will distribute them as quickly as possible. Thank you for your patience!

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## ***Latest COVID Update***

Please read the latest COVID policy update from [here](#).

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## ***Tuition Assistance Application***

If you are interested in applying for tuition assistance for the 2022-2023 school year, the application is now open! This may seem early to apply for tuition assistance for *next year*, but the process takes some time in order to determine awards before our registration timeframe in February.

**The application deadline is January 7, 2022. Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted after this date, so please be sure to put this on your calendar.**

The application takes about an hour to complete and requires copies of W-2 and tax return forms to be submitted along with the application form. All necessary documentation must be received by the due date. There is a \$35 application fee (increased from \$29 in year's past). Families complete and submit their application via their FACTS accounts at: <https://online.factsmgt.com/SignIn.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

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## ***2021-2022 School Calendar***

Here are the key calendar dates for the 2021-2022 school year:

- 1st day of school: Tuesday, September 7th (noon dismissal)
- Fall Conferences: October 28th-29th
- Thanksgiving break: November 25th-26th (November 24th will be a noon dismissal)
- Christmas break: December 20th-31st
- President's weekend/break: February 21st-22nd
- Easter break: April 18th-22nd
- Last day of school: Friday, June 17th (10:30 dismissal after the Moving Up Mass)

A printable PDF copy of the calendar is available [here](#).

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Thank you!



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