



Weekly Newsletter - 10.5.2022

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Upcoming Events & Calendar Reminders

Friday, October 7th: Jog-a-thon!!

Friday, October 14th: No School - Archdiocese In-Service Day

Thursday, October 20th: Preschool & Kindergarten Open House @ 6:30pm

Saturday, October 22nd: Harvest Festival @ 6pm-9pm

Preschool & Kindergarten Open House

Are you a current preschool family starting to think about kindergarten next fall? Or do you have friends starting to think about preschool or kindergarten? Please join us/and or spread the word about our Open House on **Thursday, October 20th, at 6:30 pm**. It's an excellent opportunity to learn more about our preschool and kindergarten programs.

To register, please email [Tammy Matusak](mailto:Tammy.Matusak).

Help Feed our Four-Legged Friends | Pet Food & Supply Drive

Get those tails wagging, and let's help feed our four-legged friends. During the week of October 3rd-7th, students may drop off items outside their classroom, and donation buckets will be available at drop-off and pick-up.

We will be collecting:

- Dog Food
- Cat Food
- Pet Shampoo

- Collars and Leashes
 - Pet Treats
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Uniform Policy Reminder

As the kids have settled in, we are starting to see some fun (but not acceptable) twists in daily uniform attire. Ugg boots...so cozy, but not acceptable. Large hoop earrings...also fun, but not acceptable. Fun socks....save em' for the weekends! Thanks parents for helping us save these items for wear outside of school.

Fall Conferences

Fall Conferences will be held Wednesday, November 2nd - Friday, November 4th. All conferences will be held in person at the school.

Please be on the look-out for an email later this week from Amanda Lucero with a link to a google form that you will use to indicate the preferred conference times for your family. Scheduling will occur in mid-October and conference schedules released soon after.

Tuition Assistance 2023-2024

The tuition assistance process for the 2023-2024 school year begins now and the application is officially open. If you think that your family may be in need of financial aid next year, please complete an application. Tuition assistance is available for Kindergarten-8th Grade only.

The entire process is completed online through FACTS. All applications are first reviewed by the Fulcrum Foundation, a fundraising arm of the Archdiocese. Once Fulcrum determines their assistance awards, then the St. Catherine Tuition Assistance Committee will review the applications and distribute financial aid for the 2023-24 school year. Some families may qualify for assistance from both the Fulcrum Foundation and the St. Catherine program, but only one application is submitted.

The application deadline is January 6, 2023. This is a firm deadline - all completed applications AND required tax documentation must be submitted by this date for consideration.

You can access the application [here](#). And FACTS charges a \$35 application fee.

If you have any questions about the process or application, feel free to email [Kathy Cox](#) or you can access the FAQ page on the Fulcrum Foundation website [here](#).



WAY TO GO TIGERS!

Our Tigers have raised over \$45,000!!! If each student can raise \$250 or more, we will beat our \$55,000 record! **2 days to go!** [Click on this link to donate today!](#)

Jog-A-Thon is one of St. Catherine's top fundraisers. Our students will raise funds by asking for pages from family and friends, and running around the Jog-A-Thon course on October 7th!

Please join us at the main event ([class running schedule](#)) and cheer on your Tiger!

Packets were sent home with students - If you did not receive one, please let us know and we will send the information to you.

Thank you to those that have signed-up to volunteer at the event! It's going to be a success! Please join us at the main event and cheer on your Tiger!

Interested in sponsoring the Jog-A-Thon? Own a business or organization? Sponsoring the Jog-A-Thon is a great tax deductible way to support your local school and community. Donating is easy via credit card or paypal. Please click on "donate to the main fundraising page" [in this link](#). Please make checks payable to St. Catherine School Parent Club.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

Brooks Running, Safeway, QFC, Fred Meyer, Ballard Town & Country, Village Kids Dentistry, Great Western Security, Cheryl Gennaios, Darcie Well - Real Estate Gals, Prime Electric

Questions? Reach out to [Lauren Garfield](#), [Maria Finlayson](#), & [Madelyn Sheldon](#)

Saint Catherine Harvest Festival

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 6pm – 9pm
Victoria Hall

GRAB YOUR TICKETS EARLY

Food, Games, Activities and more!

Cotton Candy = 2 tickets
Snow Cones = 2 tickets
Hot Dog = 2 tickets
Donut on a String = 2 tickets
Carnival Games = 1 ticket
Glitter Tattoo Artist = 3 tickets
Dunk Tank = 3 tickets
Hair Spray = 1 ticket
Pony Ride = 4 tickets

Presale Ticket Bundles

25 tickets for \$50

Scan the QR code to buy tickets or

[CLICK HERE TO BUY TICKETS](#)



Additional ticket bundles available at the festival.

Benefitting St. Catherine's Parent Club

VOLUNTEER NOW

Class Run Booths: Grade level RAs sent out class booth sign ups
Chili Cook Off: Calling all chefs, judges & volunteers – [SIGN UP HERE!](#)
Cake Walk: Calling all bakers – [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

CYO Basketball

Basketball is back and registration for grades 4th - 8th is now open! Please use the link provided below to register:

[Seattle CYO Athletics \(teamsideline.com\)](https://teamsideline.com)

More information on our Intramural program for grades 1st-3rd will follow soon.

If you are interested in helping as a coach or an assistant coach, please email Carol Ramirez: karolra24@yahoo.com

Carpool Safety Reminder

Students may NOT be dropped off on the surrounding streets. Parking is not allowed in the front of school during school hours. Students may not arrive on campus before 8:10 as there is no supervision until that time. Children must remain in the vehicle until school staff is present in the parking lot (staff will be wearing a neon vest). Students must always exit the vehicle on the right side, out of the traffic lane.

Students should line up in their designated spots (Preschool Cubs and Tigers in front of their portable, Preschool Lions in front of their building, K-2 on the white lines next the brick building, 3-6 in the plaza, and 7-8 in front of their portable). The play structure in the plaza is closed before school.

Calling All Bakers!

We are thrilled to be able to have in-person events with food items again. Accordingly, we have a need for home bakers to make cookies, muffins and other sweet treats for events. This is a really easy way to get volunteer hours from the comfort of your own home and at your convenience. If you would like to be added to the baking list, please email Katie Brewer at: katieking7@aol.com.

Volunteer Requirements: Safe Environment Program

All volunteers in our school or in our 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.virtusonline.org
- Read and Approve Policies
- Complete a Background Check
- Take the Introductory Class, *Protecting God's Children*

If you need to take the *Protecting God's Children* class, there are a couple of upcoming classes in the area. There is a class on Thursday, October 6th at 6:30 pm at St. John in Seattle. There are very few Safe Environment classes in the area so it is a good idea to sign up for a class soon if you have not already.

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

Yearbook 2022-2023

Attention Parents! 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 things that happen outside of school that our

staff doesn't get a chance to photograph like CYO sports, back to school photos, and eventually events like Ski Bus and Speech Team. Thank you for your help!

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

Career Day

Career Day is coming back this school year on Friday, March 31st! We had a fantastic turnout of parents, grandparents, and community members come to school last spring to share their passion for their careers with our students. Whether retired or in the workforce, please consider coming this year to inspire our students.

Similar to last year, we will have opportunities for you to give a presentation or sit at a booth and answer questions from students. This will be a fun way to end a month of learning about careers, discernment, and interests to help our students become responsible leaders in the world.

This is a fulfilling and eventful way to earn volunteer hours for the school. If interested, mark your calendars and reach out to me closer to the date, or feel free to reach out now to get put on a list. More information will come in the new year.

[Mr. Ward](#)

Altar Servers

Greetings and welcome back to school! This year we are excited to announce that we will resume our Altar Serving training. It is open to kids in 5th grade and up who have made their First Holy Communion.

Please email MJ Price, our PA for Liturgy and Music, to sign up. His email is m.price@stbens.net. Training will be spread throughout the school year. We will contact you when it is your child's turn to be trained.

I'm looking forward to seeing more children participate in the celebration of the Mass. God bless. Fr. Dean

Non-Uniform & Spirit Day Calendar

"When is Spirit Day? When is the first non-uniform day? I bought free dress passes at last year's auction - when can my student use them?" All these answers and more can be found on the [Non-Uniform & Spirit Day Calendar](#).

2022-2023 School Calendar

Here are the key calendar dates for the 2022-2023 school year:

- 1st day of school: Tuesday, September 6th (noon dismissal)
- Fall Conferences: November 3rd-4th (November 2nd will be a noon dismissal)
- Thanksgiving break: November 24th-25th (November 23rd will be a noon dismissal)
- Christmas break: December 19th-30th
- New Year's Day Observed: January 2nd
- President's weekend/break: February 20th-21st
- Easter break: April 10th-14th
- Last day of school: Friday, June 16th (10:30am dismissal after the Moving Up Mass)

Printable PDF copies of the calendars, with lots more events and dates, are available here:

[K-8 Calendar](#)

[Preschool Calendar](#)

Please note that dates on these calendars are subject to change and any changes will be communicated to families via the school newsletter as soon as possible.

Coding with Kids

LITTLE CODERS Grades K - 2

Tue, 3:15pm-4:15pm
October 11 - Dec 13
\$249 / 10-week session



Our Little Coders class is an opportunity for young children to develop their computational thinking skills, build their first programs, and have fun with new friends! The curriculum is designed specifically for early readers and takes into account cognitive abilities as well as the attention span typical for ages 5-7. We use age-appropriate online tools, including Lightbot, Kodable, and Scratch to introduce basic coding skills.

Students learn basic coding concepts, such as Loops and Conditions. They practice these concepts to build simple projects, including games, stories, and drawing and animating game characters. At the end of the course, students will be able to comfortably build simple scratch projects on their own.

Registrations at www.CodingWithKids.com/session/45926

SCRATCH: INTRO TO GAME DEVELOPMENT Grades 3 - 6

Mon, 3:15pm-4:15pm
October 10 - Dec 12
\$249 / 10-week session

Begin your coding journey by creating your own games! This course lays down the foundations for future coding success. Students learn basic coding concepts, such as Variables, Loops, and Conditionals and apply these concepts to create interest-based games, mazes, and animated stories. Projects and activities are all designed to allow students to use their creativity while learning coding.

Registrations at www.CodingWithKids.com/session/45927

Immunizations Update

The Department of Health has updated the requirements for the 2022-2023 school year. Students in preschool or kindergarten who are four years old or older on September 1st are required to have the additional dose of DTaP, IPV, MMR and varicella vaccines before the first day of school.

Students with summer birthdays will have less time to get vaccinated before the start of school, so parents should plan ahead and schedule their child's vaccination appointment before the school year starts.

Please send updated records to Charlotte at cvanhollebeke@stcatherineschool.net.

Attendance Procedures

If your child/ren will be absent from school, please notify the school office at attendance@stcatherineschool.net, as well as your child's homeroom teacher, no later than 8:30am on the day of the absence. Advanced notification of the absence (2-3 days before) is also greatly appreciated.

The safety of our students is our number one priority and the office will call home to verify the student's absence if a parent/guardian has not called or emailed.

If you know your child will be tardy due to a medical/dental/personal appointment, the office must be notified for the tardy to be excused. A parent/guardian must accompany a

tardy student in to the school office to sign them in for the day.

If your child/ren will be absent from school for 2 or more days of school, please complete a [pre-planned absence form](#) and send it to attendance@stcatherineschool.net at least 2 weeks prior to the absences.

Regular attendance is important to the success of our students. Normally, illness, medical appointments and family emergencies are the only acceptable form of excused absence.

Help our school get \$ back every time you shop at Amazon!

As a participant in the Amazon Affiliate and AmazonSmile programs, a percentage of your Amazon purchases come back to us if you designate "St Catherine" as your charity of choice. Simply [CLICK HERE](#) (this link is also on our website under the "Parents" tab on the far right) to sign in to your Amazon account and place your order as usual (if you haven't signed up for AmazonSmile yet, it's quick and easy). The school will automatically receive a portion of all sales on orders placed through this [unique link](#) which is a combination of the Affiliate and Smile programs.

Thank you!



You shop. Amazon gives.

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



R O S A R I E S

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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