



## ***Weekly Newsletter - 11.2.2022***

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

**Wednesday, November 2nd:** Noon Dismissal Day (K-8 Students Only)  
Fall Conferences

**Thursday, November 3rd:** No School (K-8 Students Only)  
Fall Conferences

**Friday, November 4th:** No School (K-8 Students Only)  
Fall Conferences

**Tuesday, November 8th:** November Birthdays Non-Uniform Day

**Friday, November 11th:** No School - Veteran's Day

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

Applications for Kindergarten & Preschool for the 2023-2024 school year are now open! Current families (that's you!) have priority status until Friday, November 4th and you must apply in order to reserve your child's spot. So if you are interested in preschool or Kindergarten for your child next school year, get the application in now! Applications open to the general public on Monday, November 7th.

To apply, please log into your [SchoolAdmin Parent Portal](#) account. Click on "Apply for a new year" and fill out the Preschool or K application for the 2023-2024 school year for your child. This includes a \$100/child application fee, which will be applied to your registration fee at the time of full registration in February 2023.

Once your application is received, we will confirm receipt and help move you through the next steps in the application process.

If you have any questions about this process, please send them to [Amanda](#).

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## ***Parent Club Meeting***

Welcome! As a parent of a St. Catherine School student, you are a member of the St. Catherine Parent Club.

### What is Parent Club?

The Parent Club at St. Catherine School has three main functions: To raise money to support the school; to sponsor fun events that build a strong St. Catherine community; and to be communication link between the teachers/school staff, and the parents.

**You are invited to the first all community Parent Club meeting of the 2022-2023 school year on Tuesday, November 15th @ 6:30pm in Victoria Hall.** Come learn more about the fun community activities hosted by Parent Club, learn how you can volunteer as a Parent Club member and most importantly, meet fellow parents from our STC community.

Can't wait to see you there!

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## ***ACC Holiday Wreath Fundraiser***

For the 18th consecutive year, the women of the **ACC Marjorie Ryan Circle** will be delivering locally grown mixed noble fir wreaths and garland from Hood Canal Evergreens to St. Catherine School and Parish. All profits directly benefit the charitable organizations that ACC supports. Remember to order for your friends and family this holiday season. We truly appreciate your annual orders and we are happy to bring a little tradition and joy to the Christmas season. Thank you for sharing our vision, and helping us carry out **Advocacy and Caring for Children's** 104-year tradition of service and compassion.

You'll find our order form [here](#). Please return order forms and checks to the school office, by email or US mail, by November 11th. Payments can be made by check or Venmo. Orders will be delivered to the St. Catherine parking lot and ready for pick-up before Thanksgiving on Monday, November 21st between 1:00-3:30.

Questions? Gayle Kaplan [gayle@kaplan1.com](mailto:gayle@kaplan1.com) or (206) 714-9258.

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## ***Lost & Found***

Is your child missing any items? Swing by the gym foyer after your conference and check out the Lost and Found.

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## ***Fine Arts Club***

**What is Fiber Arts Club?** An after school arts program focusing on sewing and handcraft skills taught by textile artist Paige St-Pierre (Luc & Pascal's mom).

**When is Fiber Arts Club offered?** Fiber Arts Club will be offered Thursdays after school from 3:15-4:15pm. Duration is 5 weeks.

**What will my child learn at Fiber Arts Club?** Students will gain hands-on experience practicing skills in the fiber arts such as weaving, hand sewing, finger knitting, up-cycling fabrics, and creating mixed media sculptures. The classes are process-oriented providing students the opportunity to improve their dexterity and problem solving skills by using various tools, materials and techniques.

**Who should sign up for Fiber Arts Club?** Fiber Arts Club welcomes all genders, levels and abilities from beginner to advanced for students in 2nd-5th grades attending St. Catherine's school.

**How do I sign up for Fiber Arts Club?** Click the button below for sign up dates, details, payment, and policies.

[Register Here!](#)

## ***Once Upon a Mattress***

**We are so excited to be announcing our 2022-2023 musical, *Once Upon a Mattress*!!** This program is open to all 4rd-8th grade students. There are roles for singers, non-singers, and technical crew as well. Please see below for more info and click on the button for the registration form.



### **Mark your Calendars!!**

Tuesday, December 6th: Auditions for grades 6, 7, & 8 – 3:15-5:15 – Music Room  
Thursday, December 8th: Auditions for grades 4 & 5 – 3:15-5:15 – Music Room  
Friday, December 9th – Callbacks – 3:15-4:30 – Music Room

The first rehearsal and only rehearsal before Christmas Break will be Tuesday, December 13th, and then rehearsals will be held every Tuesday and Thursday starting on Tuesday, January 3rd.

If your child cannot attend either audition date, please contact Ms. Clara ([ccimino@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:ccimino@stcatherineschool.net)) or Ms. Jones ([ajones@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:ajones@stcatherineschool.net))

Cost: \$160/child (½ price for 2nd/3rd child in a family) for Cast T-Shirt and show expenses! There will be a Musical Behavior Contract for you and your child to sign, sent home after auditions. The contract and payment will be due no later than Tuesday, January 10th.

*Interested in Tech Crew?* We want to build a stronger behind-the-scenes crew in our theater department this year! If your child is interested in working in stage management, lighting, sound, props, costumes, or anything else backstage, please select “crew” on the registration form so we can build our team!

*Needed!!! Drama Volunteers* – Whether it’s monitoring during rehearsal, helping with costumes, or trying your hand at stage makeup come March, we have lots of opportunities and needs, both big and small, so please send a note to Clara or Ava if you are interested in helping out! We can’t do it without our volunteers!

[Registration Form](#)



**AUCTION KICK-OFF MEETING**

***It's that time!***  
***AUCTION 2023 PLANNING***  
***We need you!***

***Please join us on Monday, November 7th, 6pm in the Learning Commons*** for an Auction kick-off meeting. We are excited to meet with you and share the planning opportunities. Our 2022 Casino Royale Auction was a great success - Excited to see it all come together again!

We need YOUR help to plan a spectacular event that raises funds for our school, students, teachers, & programs. It takes a village! We hope to see you there!

Questions? Can't make it, but want to connect? Reach out to [auction@st.catherineschool.net](mailto:auction@st.catherineschool.net).

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### ***Math Club News!***

Interested in helping kids develop math confidence? Math Club is seeking volunteers (adults and students sixth grade and older) to build math confidence in fun ways for elementary school students. No math experience needed! Before the pandemic, Math Club met twice a month and explored math through arts, crafts, and games. With enough volunteers, we hope to resume in-person meetings starting in January. In addition, we are exploring other means of promoting and supporting math at the school. This is a fun way to get volunteer hours for adults and service hours for middle school students.

If interested in volunteering or learning more about Math Club, please contact Ivy Wong by November 11 at [parenting105@gmail.com](mailto:parenting105@gmail.com).

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### ***New St. Catherine 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 the names & grades of the St. C tigers. #thetigerway

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### ***CYO Basketball***

At this time, registration for 4th-8th grades is closed. Team coaches are reaching out to families with more information on practice schedules. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Carol Ramirez ([karolra24@yahoo.com](mailto:karolra24@yahoo.com)). Practices will start the week of Nov. 7th, and first games are on the weekend of Nov. 19th - Nov. 20th.

Registration for IM (1st -3rd grade) teams will open soon.

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### ***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](mailto: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](mailto:celsner@stcatherineschool.net)).

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### ***Tutoring***

**Emelia Hughes, a St. Catherine Extended Care employee, is available for tutoring.** Emelia graduated from UW this past June with a BS in Informatics and a BA in Drawing & Painting. She has been privately tutoring students in elementary through high school for the past 6 years, primarily in Math, Science, and English. Right now, Emelia is on a gap-year while applying to PhD programs and working in the after-school extended care program. Recently, she has had some availability open up to take on more students after extended-

care hours. You can reach out to Emelia at [ehughes@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:ehughes@stcatherineschool.net) for more information.

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### ***Enrollment is Now Open!***

We are excited to have our Sacramental Preparation classes for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist start this year. It is for children 7 years of age and in the second grade, or for those in third - fifth grade who have not received these sacraments. Classes begin in December with a special "Kick-off" event on November 20th.

Please enroll on the parish site at: <https://www.stcatherineparish.net/firstsacraments>

Any questions please contact Tita Ruiz: [Faithformation@stbens.net](mailto:Faithformation@stbens.net)

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### ***Jesse Tree Ornament Exchange***

**Looking to create a new Advent tradition this year?** Please join us as for a Jesse Tree Ornament Exchange, where we create and share ornaments that depict the symbols of the Jesse Tree - Jesus' family tree!



It's a great way to engage your children in the faith, exercise your creative muscles and get to know other families. For more information or to sign up by Wednesday, October 19, please contact Tara Simons at [tmzsimons@gmail.com](mailto:tmzsimons@gmail.com). We need a minimum of 25 participants, so please spread the word to your friends and family!

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### ***SVDP Holiday Program***

St. Catherine SVDP is launching the 2022 Holiday Program providing meals for approximately 46 neighbor families totaling 120 members. Eighteen of the families are headed by deaf women who have suffered abuse; and the majority of the families have been disadvantaged as a result of social and economic policies. Our budget for Thanksgiving meals is \$3,600. That breaks down to \$30 per individual. We will provide the family a voucher to a local grocery store to select and shop for a meal they prepare.

Will you help us by donating what you can to the SVDP Holiday Program? You can:

- 1) click the [SVDP Holiday Program button on the website](#) to donate online;
- 2) write a check to SVDP Holiday Program using the collection basket at Mass;
- 3) mailing your check to the parish office, 814 NE 85th Ave, Seattle, 98115.

With your help we can provide our neighbors with a nice meal as they celebrate Thanksgiving.

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## ***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](mailto: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

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## ***Parent & Teen Education Night: Screen Time Session***

This presentation is for parents of kids ALL ages, AND for 5th-8th grade students. Parents of kids "pre-smart phones" will learn valuable insights in preparation; parents and tweens with a smart phone, will gain perspective from older teens and a healthcare provider working with youth.

Please check out [the flyer](#) for the event details and [REGISTER HERE](#) to attend.

In addition, the recording of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Session with Dr. Blaise Aguirre [BIO LINK](#) that took place on Sunday October 23rd is linked below:  
<https://ahtins.zoom.us/rec/share/Av0RNZv9nxOhI4KBHhgdF2vzvQNiEQr8JIIJL5OSDBZCGIwpgcbs-X9kBkjb3zE.79fCmlw9ra72UKhp> Passcode: E^GCgz1B

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## ***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](#).

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## ***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](#).

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## ***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 is a noon dismissal)
- Thanksgiving break: November 24th-25th (November 23rd is 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.

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

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### ***Attendance Procedures***

If your child/ren will be absent from school, please notify the school office at [attendance@stcatherineschool.net](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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enjoy home-baked treats and  
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**9 AM - 4 PM**

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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!

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# MASS SCHEDULE

ST. CATHERINE

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

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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

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### ***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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