



## Back to School Newsletter - 9.1.2021

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### ***Teacher Meet & Greet***

We look forward to welcoming your children, in grades 1-8, for our Teacher Meet-and-Greet/Supply Drop Off on September 2nd. This remains an optional event, so students also have the option of just bringing their supplies on the first day of school, as well. We have altered the event slightly to make it a smooth, safe visit for your children.

- Families with last names beginning with A-M, please plan to come between 4:30 PM and 5:00 PM. Families with last names beginning with N-Z, please plan to come between 5:00 PM and 5:30 PM.
- When you arrive, please pull through the carpool line in the parking lot just as you would for a typical drop off or pickup.
- Adults are asked to stay in their vehicles. Your child will exit the car with their supplies. Additional staff will be on hand to help carry supplies as needed. You will then park in the parking lot and wait for your child(ren). We will assist in getting children back to their cars after the supply drop off.
- Children should be masked before exiting the car and remain masked their entire time on campus regardless of vaccination status.
- Staff will be available on campus and in the buildings to help guide your children to their classrooms.
- Please let your child(ren) know that they will drop their supplies off in their homeroom classroom, say hello to their teacher, and then head back to their car. They will not be able to go to any other classrooms/teachers.

**The teachers are all very excited to see their students!**

### ***Student Walker Permission***

For those students in grades 5-8, the [Student Walker Permission Slip](#) will provide permission from parents to walk or bike home (or other approved place) after school. Please return the completed form to the [school office](#) before the first day of school.

### ***Immunizations***

Families are required to have a current immunization record on file **before the first day of school**. *Students of families who have not provided an updated immunization record before the first day will not be permitted to attend school until proper documentation has been received.*

Please contact your pediatrician immediately to schedule any needed immunization appointments. Records can be emailed to [cvanhollebeke@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:cvanhollebeke@stcatherineschool.net), mailed, or delivered to the school office.

Parents are also able to print immunization records at <https://myir.net/>.

## **COVID Requirement**

In accordance with Governor's August 18th proclamation (and the DOH and L&I guidelines), all schools must verify vaccination status of staff, eligible students, and volunteers/visitors. **Parents or guardians of children 12 and over are required to confirm their student's COVID-19 vaccination status to our office no later than today, September 1. As the year progresses, and your child turns 12, you will be required to communicate and/or verify their vaccination status to the office.**

Please email a photo of your student's vaccination card to Charlotte Van Hollebeke ([cvanhollebeke@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:cvanhollebeke@stcatherineschool.net)) or complete this [form](#) indicating your student is not currently vaccinated.

Thank you!

## **CYO Cross Country**

**Tigers, the Cross Country season is about to begin!** Please see below for important details and registration info as this season will look different than past years.

For runners in K-5 grade all the meets will be virtual this year. For runners in 6th - 8th grade all the meets will be virtual except the last meet of the year on Sunday, October 10th at Lake Sammamish State Park. The good news is that we are planning to practice in person at Maple Leaf Park right after school on Monday's from September 13th - October 4th. For families with extended care we will be able to get your kids back and forth to practice. We are still planning to have some sort of "treat" (Slurpy Run type activity) during the last practice. We are also hoping to get grade level groups together on Sunday's to do their "virtual meets" together if they choose.

For those that have already registered we wanted to provide this clarity for the season and for those that are interested in Cross Country please register at the CYO website. [Seattle CYO Athletics \(teamsideline.com\)](#). We will also need parent volunteers for the in person practices at Maple Leaf Park (all parent volunteers must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination to the [school office](#)). The practices will be right after school and will last about an hour.

Please contact Dave Mayer at [dmayer25@hotmail.com](mailto:dmayer25@hotmail.com) if interested. Thank you!

## **Safety Patrol**

Our Safety Patrol team will be back in action for the 2021/22 school year! This means that your incoming 5-8th grade student has the opportunity to participate and to earn some Community Service hours. We have missed having our team keep the streets safe before and after school and are looking forward to both new and returning members joining our 2021/22 Safety Patrol team!

Please talk to your child about the benefits of being a Safety Patrol member. Safety Patrol Team membership will provide an opportunity for students to grow, not only in regard to responsibility, but in gaining experience and confidence working with adults and other students. And Safety Patrol is a great leadership training for students - they are responsible for keeping their fellow student body safe. As a bonus, Safety Patrol can be used toward the middle school service requirement!

**DETAILS:**

- In order to apply students will need to complete [THIS APPLICATION](#) by Friday, September 10th, 2021
- The first week of Fall Safety Patrol will begin Monday, September 13th, 2021
- Students will be able to choose morning or afternoon shifts based on availability - morning shift hours are 8:10-8:30am and afternoon shift hours are 3:05-3:20pm OR 2:20-2:35pm on Wednesday early dismissal days
- All students in grades 5-8 are eligible to participate
- Students will need to attend one Safety Patrol meeting during the day at lunch recess
- Students will choose a field trip at the end of the school year with school approval as incentive for being a part of the team
- Students earn 30 minutes toward Community Service Hours for each shift they are on Safety Patrol duty

Please contact Ms. Richard with any questions!

[jrichard@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:jrichard@stcatherineschool.net)

## ***From the Lunch Room***

Hot lunch will begin on Wednesday, September 22nd. Please send your child with a packed lunch until hot lunch starts.

### **LUNCH NEWS from Queen Ann Catering.**

Hello! We are happy to be serving the St. Catherine families for Lunch Service this year! At your convenience, please browse through our website [queenanncatering.com](http://queenanncatering.com), where you will see how to get signed up on our online pre-ordering system, EZSchoolApps. Menus and access to pre-ordering will be announced shortly.

We also want to reach out to parents to see if anyone is interested in working the Lunch Program here or at another local nearby school?? It's a great part-time job - work 3-4 hours a day between 9am - 1pm in a welcoming school kitchen environment. Please contact us for more details - email [ann@queenanncatering.com](mailto:ann@queenanncatering.com).

## ***School Picture Day***

School Picture Day will be on Thursday, September 23rd. You can order online now:

- Go to [dorianstudio.com](http://dorianstudio.com) and search for Saint Catherine School
- Select the order button from the appropriate picture day date
- Complete your transaction

Paper picture forms are available in the school office. If you would like one, please let [Amanda Lucero](#) know.

## ***Chess Scholars***

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: 8 Thursdays, October 7th - December 16th, 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

No class: 10/28, 11/11, 11/25

To sign up, please visit <https://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup>. You will need to enter the course code *CWD10.7.21* to register. **Please register by 10pm PST on 9/29 for the early bird price of \$128.00.**

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

No refunds will be made unless there is insufficient enrollment. No make-ups will be scheduled for inclement weather or circumstances beyond our control. 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.*



## ***Latest COVID Update***

Please review the latest COVID update from Principal, Kathy Cox, [here](#).

## ***2021-2022 Extended Care Program***

The St. Catherine Extended Care Program is ready for the 2021-2022 school year! Our Extended Care Program provides before and after school care for regularly enrolled students, kindergarten through eighth grade. It is staffed by school personnel and operates only when school is in session. Extended Care is located in the Learning Commons.

Our Extended Care program provides professional care, supervision, recreation and enrichment activities. All children, new and returning, must have a completed [registration form](#) on file and must have paid the \$50 yearly registration fee before being able to attend.

Extended Care opens on Wednesday, September 8th. Our hours are from 7:00-8:25am and from 3:10-6:00pm each regularly scheduled school day (2:25-6pm on Wednesday early release days). Extended Care is also open on most 12pm Noon Dismissal Days (please check the school calendar for the noon dismissal days EC is closed).

## ***NOW HIRING: Extended Care Aide***

**St. Catherine Catholic School seeks an Extended Care Aide for our K-8 after school program.**

The position will be a Part Time Monday - Friday 3pm-6pm. Additional hours may be available on Wednesdays.

### **Job description & Qualifications:**

- Ability to foster a Catholic, developmentally appropriate environment.
- Maintains an environment that promotes cooperation, learning, and enjoyment.
- Provide an environment of cooperative relationships within grade levels during outdoor play.
- Assumes responsibility for overseeing student behavior in all environments after school.
- Light cleaning.
- Effectively supervise students.
- Maintain a safe, clean, and caring environment.
- Guide students in games, activities, crafts, etc.
- Assist students with assignments as needed.
- Effective communication with parents.
- Experience in a classroom is preferred but not necessary (i.e. paraprofessional, teacher's aide, classroom teacher)
- Ability to manage large and small groups of children.
- Ability to relate to staff, parents, and the children in a positive manner.
- Current CPR/AED and First Aid Certification (certification will be provided if needed)
- Background Check and VIRTUS course (Provided upon hire)
- Work collaboratively with Extended Care Director

If you know of someone interested in this position, please email a resume and cover letter to Principal Kathy Cox at [kcox@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:kcox@stcatherineschool.net).

## **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 more detailed (printable PDF) calendar is available [here](#).

Update: Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, the Welcome Back Coffee and Parent Club Meet & Greet have been cancelled.

## **2021-2022 Milk Program**

Milk is available for purchase at the beginning of the school year for a \$65/student yearly fee. If you child would like milk with lunch, please complete the [Milk Program Form](#) and return it to the school office on the first day of school, or no later than Friday, September 10th. Milk will be available for lunch beginning Wednesday, Sept 8th.

On the registration form, you may choose white or chocolate milk. Please note that milk is not available for daily purchase; students must purchase milk at the start of the school year and payment for the milk program is charged through FACTS.

## **Student Supply Lists**

Please see below for your child/ren's supply list for the 2021-2022 school year:

- [Preschool](#)
- [Kindergarten](#)
- [1st Grade](#)
- [2nd Grade](#)
- [3rd Grade](#)
- [4th Grade](#)
- [5th Grade](#)
- [6th Grade](#)
- [7th Grade](#)
- [8th Grade](#)



## **Attendance Procedure**

If your child will be absent from school, it is very important that you notify the school office by calling 206.525.0581 or by emailing [attendance@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:attendance@stcatherineschool.net), no later than 8:30am the day of the absence.

If you know that your child will be tardy, 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.

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/emailed.

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.

## ***Uniforms at a Glance***

### **Girls: K-5th Grade**

#### TOP

- White or navy collared shirt
- Navy logo sweatshirt
- Burgundy cardigan, sweater vest or v-neck sweater

#### BOTTOM

- Burgundy plaid jumper or skort
- Navy skort, slacks or walking shorts

### **Girls: 6th-8th Grades**

#### TOP

- White or navy collared shirt
- Burgundy logo sweatshirt
- Burgundy cardigan, sweater vest or v-neck sweater

#### BOTTOM

- Burgundy plaid skirt
- Khaki skirt, slacks or walking shorts

### **Boys: K-5th Grade**

#### TOP

- White or navy collared shirt
- Navy logo sweatshirt
- Burgundy cardigan, sweater vest or v-neck sweater

#### BOTTOM

- Navy slacks or walking shorts

### **Boys: 6th-8th Grades**

#### TOP

- White or navy collared shirt
- Burgundy logo sweatshirt
- Burgundy cardigan, sweater vest or v-neck sweater

#### BOTTOM

- Khaki slacks or walking shorts

Please refer to the school handbook for the full uniform policy.

## ***Where to Buy Uniforms***

### **Uniform Logo Sweatshirts and Other Uniform Items**

- Dennis Uniform ([online](#))
- Lands' End ([online](#))
- Tommy Hilfiger ([online](#))

### **Shirts and Pants**

Old Navy, Gap, Nordstrom, JC Penney





## ***Volunteer Requirements***

Please remember that anyone who volunteers in our school or in the 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.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)
- Read and approve policies
- Complete a background check
- Take the introductory in-person class, *Protecting God's Children*

If you have any further questions contact [Charlotte Van Hollebeke](#) in the school office.

## ***Wellspring School Supply Donation Drive***

While out shopping for your student's school supplies, please pick up a few extra items to help children experiencing homelessness start the school year **Ready to Learn**.

[Wellspring Family Services](#) has established a campaign for school supplies intended to outfit students with the supplies they need to start school "[Ready To Learn!](#)" This year, Wellspring even put together an [Amazon wish list](#) (Go to the wish list from smile.Amazon and also support St Catherine for a double bonus!)

Please plan to participate - our generous contributions in years past have been greatly appreciated. Any new school item will be gladly accepted. The list below includes the most needed items. Items can be dropped off outside the school office in the marked boxes before Thursday, September 9th.

- Post-it Notes
- Index Cards
- USB Flash Drives
- Basic Calculators
- Graph Calculators
- Disinfectant wipes
- Baby Wipes
- Tissues/Kleenex
- Hand Sanitizer
- Ziplock bags
- Sharpies
- Glue
- Glue Sticks
- Rulers

- White-Out
- Pocket Folders
- Spiral Notebooks
- Dividers
- 3-ring binders
- Loose leaf paper
- Composition books
- Pencil boxes
- Pencil Pouches
- Erasers
- Crayons
- Dry Erase Markers
- Highlighters
- Pencils
- Pens - blue & black
- Colored pencils
- Pencil sharpeners

So, take advantage of those BOGO deals, and let's help every kid start school prepared!  
Thank you!!



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