



School Newsletter - 6.8.2022

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Congratulations Class of 2022!

Calendar Reminders & Updates

Wednesday, June 8th:

- Noon Dismissal for K-8 Students
- Class of 2022 Graduation Dinner @ 6pm

Thursday, June 9th:

- Baccalaureate Mass @ 9am - Students in grades 4-7 must be in full uniform (no hoodies or non-school sweatshirts)
- 8th Grade Graduation @ 6:30pm

Friday, June 10th: Spirit Day (moved from Thursday, 6/9)

Tuesday, June 14th: Field Day for Grades K-3

Wednesday, June 15th: Talent Show

Thursday, June 16th:

- Last Day of School for Preschool Students
- Field Day for Grades 4-7

Friday, June 17th:

- Moving Up Mass @ 9am in the parking lot
- Last Day of School for K-7th grade Students - 10:30am dismissal

Moving Up Mass

Please join us for our annual Moving Up Mass on the last day of school, Friday, June 17th at 9am. This is a special Mass we hold every year to celebrate our students as

they move up to the next grade (plus a few other celebrations). We will be holding the Mass outdoors (rain or shine) in the parking lot to accommodate all students, teachers & staff, parents & families.

- Parents will need to park on the side streets - please do not block any driveways!
- Masks are optional
- Please bring a lawn chair or blanket, and sit in the area at the east end of the parking lot.
- Students will be seated with their classes in designated areas. All students will be encouraged to bring a towel or small blanket to sit on for Mass.
- Preschool students & their parents - please attend Mass so your kiddo has the chance to move up to Tigers or Kindergarten

After Mass is over, students will return to their classrooms to gather their items. We ask that parents return to their cars and then line-up in the carpool lane to pick-up their child/ren, or wait in the plaza if walking home. Teachers will walk their students out at 10:30am to say good-bye and be picked up.

We hope to see you there!

Spirit Gear & Used Uniform Sale

Friday, June 17th @ 10:30am after the Moving Up Mass. Don't miss the great deals on uniforms and grab your spirit gear for fall.

Have uniforms to drop off? Next week, there will be a bin in the parking lot at drop-off and pick-up. Please NO Polos, Blue/Khaki Pants or Shorts. All plaids, sweatshirts, and sweaters welcome!

Summer Small Group Counseling with Mr. Ward

This summer I have the opportunity to offer a *new* **counseling and social skills small group** for students from North Seattle Catholic Schools, incoming grades 3-5, taking place here at St. Catherine School. The need for child and adolescent counseling has never been higher than right now, as it is a major challenge to find providers in the Seattle area. Although I am unable to meet with our students outside of school during the school year, I am thrilled to provide this option to work with your children outside school hours during the summer months. This small group will be a ton of fun and have many different aspects to it. We will learn **emotional regulation skills, participate in group sharing, and play many games.**

Sessions will take place each Monday from 9-11:30 am beginning on July 11th. Our last small group session will take place on August 22nd. Each session is \$50, but I am open to discussing a sliding scale.

Reach out soon if you would like your son or daughter to participate.

Thanks-
[Kevin Ward](#), St. Catherine School Counselor

From the Lunch Room

Tuesday Pizza lunch for this school year is now over - Thank you to Amy Flaa and her incredible team of volunteers for providing pizza every Tuesday for our students!

Hot lunch will only be available Monday, 6/13 and Wednesday, 6/14 next week. On the day your child is participating in field day (see schedule above), Dick's burger lunch will be provided by Parent Club. Otherwise, please send a lunch from home with your child/ren.

Summer Learning Expectations

Summer is a great opportunity for students to relax, recharge...and review! Summer 2022 Learning Expectations will be sent home on Monday 6/13 with your child (grades K-4) and electronically sent (grades 5-7).

Quick summary: 100 minutes of Math IXL total for the summer for current students grades 1-4 and 150 minutes of Math IXL for current students grades 5-7. Students currently in grades K-4 will be encouraged to fill out Literacy Bingo boards for each month. Students currently in grades 5-7 will read a novel assigned by their ELA teacher and complete a project of their choice from a list of options. More detailed information coming next week!

If you have any questions, please email Ms. Elsner celsner@stcatherineschool.net.

CYO Tiger News

CYO Track and Field

Congratulations to all the athletes that participated in track and field this season. We had 50 kids run, throw and jump on Thursday afternoons at Maple Leaf Park. A few of our 4th - 6th graders also participated in the CYO meets, including **Luka B**, who won the 4th grade 50 Meter Championship. It was a great season (with the last practice this upcoming Thursday night) and we are looking forward to next year!

CYO Cross Country

We are looking forward to CYO meets happening again next Fall competing against the other schools in the archdiocese! Cross Country will take place in September and the first part of October and registration should open during the Summer months on the CYO Team Sideline site. We will practice on the traditional Monday's after school next Fall allowing kids to participate in both Cross Country and Soccer. If you would like to practice your race distance this summer K/1st grade run a quarter mile, 2nd/3rd grade run a half mile, 4th /5th grade run 1 mile and 6th/8th run 1.5 miles. If you are interested in helping coach please reach out Dave at dmayer25@hotmail.com. Looking forward to a fun season this Fall!

Mentor/Buddy Program

St. Catherine School is bringing back a popular pre-covid program pairing new-to-the-school families with current families as a resource to ask questions and be welcomed to the St. Catherine community! Buddies/Mentors will be assigned to families with a child in the same class as their child and introductions will be made in June.

Mentors will receive five volunteer hours applied to the 2022-2023 school year! To learn more and apply to this program as a new or current family, please complete [this form](#).

Extended Care 2022-2023

Registration for Extended Care for the 2022-2023 school year is now open in SchoolAdmin.

Once you log into your [Parent Portal](#) account, you will be able to select 'Continue Enrollment Process' under your child/ren's name. The EC Registration Form is located in the 'Optional Steps' section. Please be sure to complete a registration form for each child in your family that will be attending EC next school year. A \$50/child registration fee is due at the time of registration and can be paid via SchoolAdmin.

Due to growth in student population and interest in EC, the rates for Extended Care for the 2022-2023 school year have increased. This allows us to hire enough staff to ensure a safe environment for all.

2021-2022 Yearbooks

Don't miss this year's unforgettable memories! If you would like to order a yearbook for the 2021-2022 school year, please contact [Amanda](#) in the school office.

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 23th will be a noon dismissal)
- Christmas break: December 19th-30th
- 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.

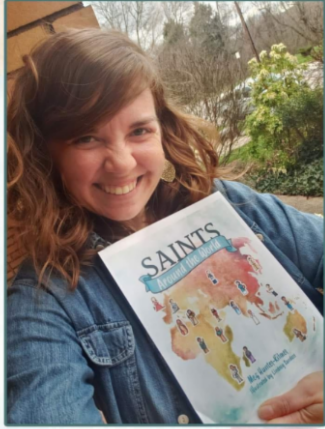
Absence Notification Reminder

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.

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.



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**SATURDAY
 JUNE 11TH
 6:00 P.M.**

**SUNDAY
 JUNE 12TH
 10:30 A.M.**

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 814 NE 85TH ST, SEATTLE

Safe Environment Facilitator

We have an opportunity coming up for any interested employees or volunteers who would like to become Safe Environment facilitators.

The training will be held from June 20-22nd online (the link will be shared closer to the date). It will be from 8am-12pm. All three days are mandatory to receive credit for the training. As soon as I have received [an application](#), I can send more information.

An ideal candidate will be each of the following:

- Active member of the community who has completed and is up to date on all Safe Environment requirements including:
 - Background Check
 - Safe Environment Training
 - Policy Agreement
- Has an active and approved Virtus profile
- Committed to creating a Safe Environment and protecting children
- Endorsed by a Pastoral Leader (Pastor, Priest Administrator, or Principal)
- Comfortable facilitating conversations with a group

Please note, the application must be received to attend and receive credit for this training. If you have any additional questions, please contact me at sep@seattlearch.org or 206-382-4285.

Warmly,
Courtney Wright
 Safe Environment Coordinator

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.

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.

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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!

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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