



School Newsletter - 5.11.2022

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Auction Success!

We are so grateful for your incredible generosity in supporting St. Catherine School at this year's Casino Royal Auction! Thank you to all who attended to share in the celebration and to those who supported us in spirit. The funds raised at the auction benefits our school in so many ways, and this year, especially supports our teachers and students in "Closing the Gap!"

To Lauren Garfield, Tammy Matusak, and all of our many volunteers - thank you! You had a vision and brought it to life creating this amazing event to remember.

And a big congratulations to the Brauer family for being our tuition raffle winner! Free tuition (1 child, in-parish rate) is coming your way for the 2022-2023 school year.



Diversity Equity Inclusion Parent Night - Speaker: David Watson

Please join us for our first parent night with Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging consultant, David Watson on May 24th at 6:30 PM in Victoria Hall. Please RSVP [here](#) by May 20th.

Message from Dave:

Hello Family. Dave Watson here. I have been working with the staff of St. Catherine as a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging consultant. During our training, we have covered

the importance of having Courageous Conversations (Glenn Singleton), the importance of a Common Language, Bias, Microaggressions and theories based on the Archbishop's writings within Open Wide Our Hearts.

I look forward to meeting you in the near future and working alongside the staff and students of St. Catherines.

Til we meet on Parent Night,

Dave

End-of-Year Parent Survey

Each year, we appreciate feedback from parents to help provide some longitudinal data and help us to continue to grow. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete [this year's survey](#). Your feedback is valued! Please complete by May 20th.

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.

Join our Support Staff for 2022-2023!

St. Catherine Catholic School seeks an Extended Care Aide for our K-8 after school program for the 2022-2023 school year. The position will be a part time Monday - Friday 3pm-5:30pm. Additional hours will be available on Wednesdays.

This could also be combined with our Preschool Before School Care Aide position 7:00-8:30 AM Monday-Friday. We are also hiring a part-time Preschool After School Care Aide Monday-Friday 3:00-6:00 PM.

Please email Kathy Cox if interested. kcox@stcatherineschool.net Pay range: \$22-24/hour



**On Stage in Victoria Hall
St Catherine School presents:**

***Disney & Cameron Mackintosh's
Mary Poppins JR.***

Be sure to catch this year's performance that the kids have worked so hard to bring you.

- Thursday, May 19 – 4:00pm
- Friday, May 20 – 6:30pm
- Saturday, May 21 – 6:30pm
- Sunday, May 22 – 1:00pm

Tickets available at the door:

\$7.50 per person

\$20 per family (immediate family members only)

Thursday, 5/19 only – Teachers/Staff & kids are free (kids must be supervised by an adult)



Volunteer Opportunities

FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS

Who would like to volunteer for Field Day? We still need volunteers for Thursday, June 16th - grades 4-7 Field Day.

We will need volunteers to set up the field from 11:00am-12:00pm, run the stations from 12:00-2:35pm, and breakdown from 2:35-3:00pm. Please email Ms. Richard at jrichard@stcatherineschool.net for more information!

DRAMA

If you are in need of volunteer hours the play needs help building props and sets.

We need artists, painters, prop builders, amateur & pro carpenters. Meet between the Commons and the 8th grade portable. Set building week-ends: May 14th-15th. If you want further information please contact John Flaa, johnflaa@msn.com.

SPEECH TEAM COACHES

Speech Club is offered to students in grades 6-8. Our current speech club coordinators/coaches, Inoka Wijesekera and Heather Pigman, are ready to pass the torch. Please note that **NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY**. Inoka and Heather will be available to fully train you and provide support throughout the season. We are looking for parents to take over the following:

Speech Club Head Coach (you can be easily trained on how to do this)

- Be in charge of speech club meetings
- Help the kids choose speeches
- Help the kids learn to perform their speeches
- Work with the Club Administrator to provide student/speech information
- There will likely be several additional coaches to help out at meetings

Support Coaches

- Attend meetings when available to listen to speeches and provide feedback
- No prior experience is necessary, you will be trained on what to look for

Working with the speech team is an incredibly rewarding experience and you will also learn a lot that you can use to help your own child.

If you are interested in maintaining a robust speech program at St. Catherine, please consider helping out!! Contact Kathy Cox if interested kcox@stcatherineschool.net

Study Hall Announcements

Thursday, May 12th: No after school Study Hall

Tuesday, May 24th: No after school Study Hall

Thursday, June 2nd: Last Day of Study Hall for the 2021-2022 school year

Spring MAP Testing

Spring MAP Testing starts Monday 5/16 and goes until Wednesday 6/1. Tests are scheduled in the morning (1st-4th period). Students will not test more than 3 days in a row. Makeups will take place throughout this testing period. Students in 2nd-8th grades will take these tests. Data from MAP tests is important for monitoring student progress, assessing growth, and providing instruction that continues to meet individual student needs, especially as we look towards planning for next year. Please help make sure your child gets a good night's rest the night before each test and a filling breakfast that morning.

Please let your child's homeroom teacher know if your child will be absent, late, or leaving early on any of these days. There will be no tests on Friday 5/27 or Tuesday 5/31. Please let Ms. Elsner (celsner@stcatherineschool.net) know if you have any questions.

The Yearbook Staff needs your help!

LAST CALL! We need your Back to School/First Day of School, CYO Soccer, Volleyball, Cross Country, and other school-related pictures you think could be included in the yearbook! Please send any pictures you have to yearbook@stcatherineschool.net by Friday, May 20th.

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

2021-2022 Yearbook Order Form

Don't miss this year's unforgettable memories! Order your yearbook [here](#). Yearbooks are \$30 each and the cost will be charged to your FACTS account.

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
- 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.

Spirit Days & Free Dress Days!

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!!

The following noon dismissal days are free dress/non-uniform days:

- Friday, May 27th
- Wednesday, June 8th

Birthday Free Dress Days occur on the first Tuesday of the month:

- June & Summer Birthdays: Tuesday, June 7th

Student Service Hours

In alignment with our reduction in family volunteer hours, we have decided to waive third trimester service hours if you have already completed your hours for First and Second Trimester.

New requirements for the year 2021-2022 School Year:

6th Grade= 6 hours

7th Grade = 10 Hours

8th Grade= 10 hours

Volunteer Hours

With limited volunteer opportunities this school year, families with students in grades K thru 8th grade are required to complete **15 hours of volunteer hours (5 hours should be auction related)** during the year.

All volunteer hours for the 2021-2022 school year are due May 20th. Please complete the [Volunteer Hours Summary Sheet](#) and email it to Charlotte in the main office at cvanhollebeke@stcatherineschool.net.

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.

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!

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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