



Weekly Newsletter - 3.22.2023

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Upcoming Events & Calendar Reminders

Monday, March 20th - Friday, March 31st:

- March Give Drive Supporting the Maple Leaf Foundation

Wednesday, March 22nd:

- Non-Uniform Day
- Noon Dismissal Day for K-8 Students

Friday, March 24th:

- All School Mass @ 9am, hosted by the 4th Grade

Thursday, March 30th:

- Spirit Day! Wear your Tiger Gear!

Friday, March 31st:

- Career Day

Give Drive Supporting the Maple Leaf Foundation

From March 20th through March 31st, we are excited to support the Maple Leaf Foundation. The Maple Leaf Foundation is a non-profit organization that has created affordable, nurturing, child-centered housing for families who must relocate to Seattle for long-term pediatric cancer and cardiac care. To learn more visit the [Maple Leaf Foundation](#).

The student leadership team has put together a list of needs [here](#). All donations can be dropped off in your child's homeroom classroom or the school office before March 31st. Thank you for your support!

Looking for volunteer opportunities? We have several options coming up:

Moving Volunteers

We are looking for 3-4 volunteers for each of the following dates:

TODAY, Wednesday, March 22nd @ 12-2pm: Help move desks from the Church Basement to the storage garage. Having a big car/truck would be helpful but we have one available too.

Wednesday, May 24th @ 8:30am-1pm: Clean out the storage garage & make a dump run. A big truck/trailer will be provided to make the dump run.

Please email Amanda to sign up for these opportunities. Thank you in advance!

2022-2023 Yearbook

Attention Parents! We are in the final countdown of our 2022-2023 Yearbook. We will turn it in in April, so they will be delivered by the end of the school year. 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: Ski Bus, Back to School, Harvest Festival, Christmas Program, and outside of school activities.** Thank you for your help!

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

Order Your Child's Yearbook!!

Order forms for the 2022-2023 school year are now available in your [SchoolAdmin Parent Portal](#) under the Optional Checklist section. Yearbooks are \$30 each and you will be charged via SchoolAdmin at the time of your order. *Last day to order yearbooks is March 31st!*

2023-2024 School Calendar

Here are the key calendar dates for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Teacher Meet & Greet and Back to School BBQ: August 31st
- 1st day of school: Tuesday, September 5th (noon dismissal)
- In-Service Day (no school): October 13th
- Mandatory Fall Conferences: November 2nd-3rd
- Veteran's Day Observed (no school): November 10th
- Thanksgiving break (no school): November 23rd-24th
- Christmas break (no school): December 18th-29th
- New Year's Day (no school): January 1st
- MLK Jr. Day (no school): January 15th
- In-Service Day (no school): February 9th
- President's weekend/break (no school): February 16th-20th
- In-Service Day (no school): March 8th
- Easter break (no school): April 1st-5th
- Memorial Day (no school): May 27th
- Last day of school: Friday, June 14th (10:30am dismissal after the Moving Up Mass)

The full 2023-2024 calendars are now available - see below. Please note that dates are subject to change and any changes will be communicated via this weekly newsletter.

[K-8 Calendar](#)

[Preschool Calendar](#)

Final Push for Career Day

Why did the elephant get rejected for a job? His qualifications were completely irrelephant!

Ok, bad jokes aside, I am sure all of you have great stories about how and why you landed your dream job or even your first job in high school. Career day is quickly approaching, (Friday, March 31st), and I am still looking for many volunteers to make this a special and influential day for our students. If you have had a job in your past (or present) that has given you joy, please consider being a part of our job fair where you can chat with students about all the details of that job. Do you have someone in mind who would be good at this (neighbor, friend, relative)? Please ask them to join! The more community present at this event, the more impactful it will be for our students. On the fence? Please email me with questions: kward@stcatherineschool.net. I'd be happy to give you more details.

PS: There is a very true rumor that parents will receive **DOUBLE** the volunteer hours for this event!

SAVE THE DATE | AUCTION 2023 | CAMP ST. C | MAY 13TH



[**CLICK HERE TO DONATE TODAY!**](#)

Calling all Tiger Track & Field Athletes

My name is Dave Mayer and I am excited to coach the St. Catherine Track & Field team again this year. Track & Field will be available for K-8th grade at St. Catherine. We will practice on Friday afternoon's right after school at Maple Leaf Park from 3:20-4:30pm starting on April 21st and going through June 2nd. Pick-up from Extended Care is available. Each practice we will focus on three of the following track and field events including the 50 meter, 100 meter, 200 meter, 400 meter, 800 meter, relays, softball throw, long jump, turbo-jav throw and more.

The 4th-8th grade participants will have a second practice each week at a TBD time during the week with other local North Seattle Schools. I will have that information shortly as the final plan is developed. 4th-8th grade have the opportunity to participate in CYO meets competing against other schools on Saturday's May 6th, 13th, 20th and June 3rd (times TBD). The meets take place at Highline Stadium in Burien and are a great time!

Registration is now open on the CYO website [Seattle CYO Athletics \(teamsideline.com\)](https://www.seattlecyoathletics.com). You may see track listed as only 4th-8th grade, but when you register your child you will see options from both K-3rd and 4th-8th grade for St. Catherine's.

I am also looking for parent volunteers to help with the season. Please email me at dmayer25@hotmail.com if interested. Looking forward to a great season.



We are a former St. Catherine's family (6 kids) who have an 80 acre regenerative farm specializing in wholesome food production - located on the Olympic Peninsula. On our farm we produce grass finished beef, forest raised pork, pastured raised chicken, turkeys and eggs, and also have a summer vegetable box program delivered to Maple Leaf throughout June, July and August. All of our products are all available on our website at www.hyperionranch.com.

DEIB Resource Library

Happy to announce our new [diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging resource library!](#)

Thanks to a group of volunteers working with the school, we are excited to provide a variety of student and family resources in the areas of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. Aligned with our school's vision of being a welcoming and inclusive environment, we are hopeful you find these resources useful!

Social Media & Youth Mental Health Webinar | March 29

The annual archdiocesan youth and mental health ministry luncheon is hybrid this year (in-person and streaming). Presented by the Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network and Rutgers University, this webinar focuses on specific strategies that parents, counselors, and teachers can implement to help teens navigate the challenges that social media can create. The luncheon features mental health professionals and local Catholic youth talking about their experiences with mental health and what can be done to support our youth. Webinar registration [here](#).

Coding with Kids: Spring 2023

SCRATCH: CREATE STORIES AND ANIMATIONS

Grades 3-6

Mon, 3:15 PM-4:15 PM

Apr 17 - May 22

\$149 / 6-week session

Game developers are much more than tech experts — they're also creatives who use code to bring stories to life. If you would like to express your creativity through code, this course is for you. These lessons take students with basic Scratch skills beyond game creation into

the magical world of storytelling. Students brainstorm and organize their ideas, use Scratch's art tools to draw original game assets, and code story projects with many scenes and animations.

REGISTRATIONS: www.codingwithkids.com/session/53487

LITTLE CODERS: ROBOTICS

Grades K-2

Tue, 3:15 PM-4:15 PM

Apr 18 - May 23

\$149 / 6-week session

Looking for a hands-on STEM course your Little Coder will love? In this course, students will have a blast while learning about robots and how they work. Through visual programming, students will learn computational thinking and basic programming concepts such as: pseudo-coding, code structure, variables, and loops. Students will participate in fun and engaging activities to practice problem-solving and creative thinking. They will complete interactive projects and code their robots to perform tasks like turning the robot's lights on and off, playing music, moving, and detecting sound.

REGISTRATIONS: www.codingwithkids.com/session/53488

QUESTIONS? Email Coding with Kids at info@codingwithkids.com



Chess Scholars

Spring 2023

St Catherine of Siena School

No Experience Needed



Grades 3–8

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: 9 Thursdays, April 6th - June 8th, 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM
No class: 4/13

To sign up, please visit <https://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup>.

You will need to enter the course code **CSW4.6.23** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 3/29 for the early bird price of \$162.00.

If you have difficulty registering, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at 847-482-9999 or registration@learningmeansfun.com

All participants must conduct themselves in a manner that allows all students to fully participate during the class without impeding their experience. We have a no refund policy, unless there is insufficient enrollment. No make-ups will be scheduled for inclement weather or circumstances beyond our control. Please be aware of this as there will be no refunds. 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.

St. Catherine School 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.

Make sure to include a description of the event along with names and grades of the St. C's Tigers. #thetigerway

Volunteering at St. Catherine School

Each family with students in grades K-8 are required to contribute 40 volunteer service hours during the school year. Please report your hours using the Volunteer Hours Summary Sheet, which can be found [here](#), and return it to the school office.

Looking for opportunities? Check out the [Volunteer Opportunities](#) sheet! It is updated frequently so be sure to check it often.

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

Middle School Student Volunteer Opportunity

We have a couple volunteer opportunities coming up this spring. NE baseball and TOPS soccer teams are looking for buddies to play alongside friends with disabilities this spring. No experience necessary, just a willingness to help and learn. St. C students, Kate V. and Kate W. play on both teams.

Here are the details:

1. North Seattle Challenger Baseball:

- 1.5 hours on Saturdays for 8 weeks (specific dates TBD)
- Need about 10 buddies
- To register as a buddy, please email Alison Winfield at alisonvwinfield@gmail.com
- We understand that buddies may not be able attend every game and that is fine.

2. TOPSoccer:

- Sundays from 1-3pm at Arena Sports Magnuson
- Dates: 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18
- Buddies should be in 6th grade or older
- To register as a buddy, please sign-up here: wys-topsshoreline.affinitysoccer.com and contact anne.bare@sysa.org if you need help.
- We understand that buddies may not be able to commit to every session and that is fine.

Thank you for your consideration!

Seeking Host Families for Cultural Connections!

Bishop Blanchet High School is currently seeking host families to support their International Student Program. Families that are excited to host a high school student from another country and enjoy a culturally enriching experience in their household are most welcome to contact BBHS to learn more. The current monthly stipend is \$1,150 for a ten-month homestay to help offset hosting costs. Inquiries should be directed to: Janah Valenzuela Cardin, Director of International Student Services, jvalenzuela@bishopblanchet.org or please visit: <https://www.bishopblanchet.org/admissions/international-program/homestay-families>

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!



The graphic is a vertical poster for St. Catherine Parish School. At the top is a circular logo with a geometric, floral-like pattern. Below the logo, the text "MASS SCHEDULE" is written in large, bold, black capital letters, with "ST. CATHERINE" in smaller, bold, black capital letters underneath. A horizontal line separates the mass schedule from the sacraments section. The mass schedule lists: SATURDAY 5PM, SUNDAY *9:30AM, WEDNESDAY 9AM, and FRIDAY 9AM. The sacraments section lists: CONFESSION SATURDAY 3:30 - 4:30PM, ADORATION AT ST. BENEDICT 1ST FRIDAY 6 - 7PM, and ANOINTING OF THE SICK 1ST FRIDAY 9AM, with a note "*Livestream Available". Below this is a section for ROSARIES, featuring a rosary icon and listing WEDNESDAY 9:30AM and FRIDAY 9:30AM. The final section is OPEN FOR PRAYER, featuring a prayer hands icon and listing FRIDAY 10AM - 12PM and SATURDAY 3:30 - 4:30PM. The entire graphic has a white background with a brown border and a brown background for the bottom section.

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

 **ROSARIES**
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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