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# ***Welcome Back!!***

The summer has flown by and we are less than two weeks away from the first day of school! The teachers and office staff have begun their work to prepare for the students' arrival on September 7th. We are so excited to see everyone!

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families - we are very happy to have you join our St. Catherine community! By now, you should have been contacted by your Room Ambassador, officially welcoming you and offering to answer any questions you might have. Please feel free to contact your Room Ambassador throughout the school year for assistance, or our Principal, Kathy Cox or Amanda and Charlotte in the school office. We are all here to help in any way we can and make your transition to St. Catherine smooth and enjoyable!

Please be sure to take some time and read through the rest of this bulletin for important information about the first weeks of school. Don't hesitate to contact [Amanda Lucero](#) or [Charlotte Van Hollebeke](#) in the office if you should have any questions.

We look forward to a great school year!

Blessings,  
St. Catherine School Teachers & Staff

## ***Latest COVID Update***

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

## ***New Family Q&A***

**For K-8 new families**, please be on the look-out for an email tomorrow with information and a zoom link for the new family Q&A sessions with Kathy Cox, Caitlin Elsner and Amanda Lucero. These sessions will be held on Monday, August 30th between 11am-12:30pm.

## ***Preschool Meet & Greet/Parent Meeting***

Please join the preschool team for two informal Meet & Greets both on September 1st.

### **The first will be from 9AM until 10AM**

- 8:45am: meet at the portable stairs. Practice signing in using the log books at your child's classroom door.
- 9:00am: Teachers will greet you and your children.
- 9:10am: Children will be invited into their classroom to become familiar and do some fun activities and circle time.
- 10:00am: You will pick up your child and sign them out. We will dismiss children based on who signed them out.

**We will have another gathering from 6-7PM (for parents only).** Hopefully, you will be able to attend both of these "meet and greets" that day! The purpose of this gathering is to give you a little "peek" at the preschool day and to share with you the "nuts and bolts" information about how your child's days at school will flow. We will cover topics like where to park, snack and lunch foods, rest time and the like! Later in September we will host a curriculum night. At that moment, we will share curriculum, philosophies, and so much more about the St. Catherine Preschool program and what you can expect this school year!

**For in person meetings, we are requiring all adults to verify vaccination, per state mandate. Before attending either Meet & Greet, please email a photo of your vaccination card to Charlotte in the office at [cvanhollebeke@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:cvanhollebeke@stcatherineschool.net).**

## ***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 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](#)



## ***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 Tuesday, 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!

## ***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.

**From the Lunch Room****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).

**2021-2022 Milk Program**

Milk is available for purchase at the beginning of the school year for a \$65/student yearly fee. If your 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.

## ***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.

## ***Used Uniform Sale & Uniform Drop-Off***

**Parent Club will be holding a used uniform sale this Sunday, August 29th outside of Victoria Hall from 10:30-Noon.** This is a good opportunity to purchase some gently used uniform items at a bargain price! This sale is especially timely since the school year is fast approaching. (Note: The sale does not include white or blue polo shirts.) Not all sizes are available. *Only debit and credit cards will be accepted, no cash and no checks please.*

We are also accepting most gently used uniform items during the sale as well. So feel free to swing by and drop off any items (with the exception of white and blue polo shirts) that are in quality shape.

## ***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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