



## ***Weekly Newsletter - 2.15.2023***

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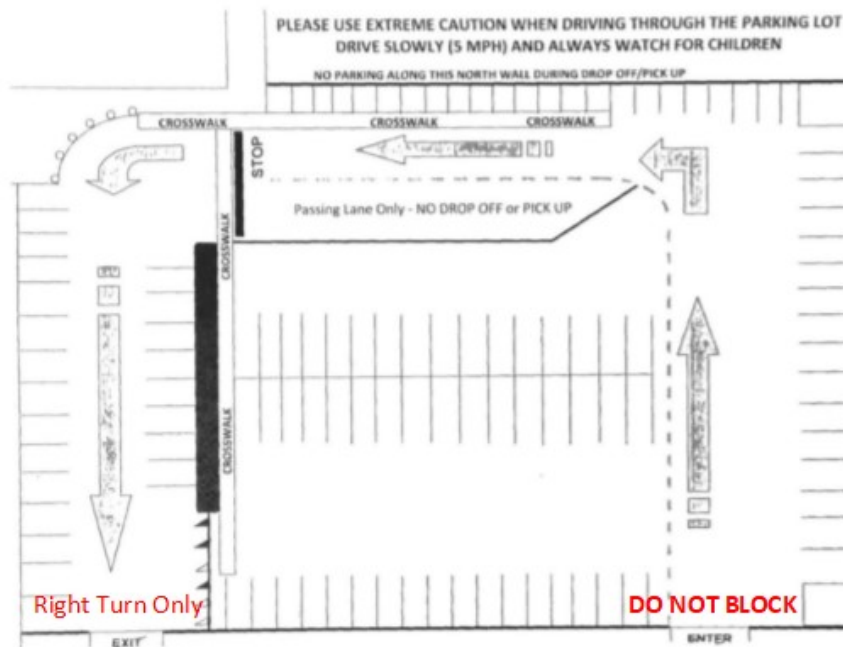
### ***After School Pick-up Reminder***

When arriving to pick-up your child after school in the parking lot, it is imperative that you do not block the driveway entrance. When this entrance is blocked, it blocks all traffic on NE 85th St and even causes back-ups on Roosevelt Way.

If the carpool line is full, please pull into an open spot in the parking lot to wait for your child/ren. They can safely cross using the Safety Patrol monitored crosswalk to get to the car.

Please use the passing lane to exit the parking lot and only turn right, towards 8th Ave NE. Thank you for your help!

**Volunteer Opportunity:** To help aid in better traffic flow in the parking lot, we are looking for parents to volunteer 20-30 minutes of their time during after school pick-up. If you are interested in helping, please contact [Amanda](#) in the school office.



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## ***Upcoming Events & Calendar Reminders***

### **Wednesday, February 15th:**

- Noon Dismissal Day for K-8 Students

### **Monday, February 20th & Tuesday, February 21st:**

- No School for All Students

### **Wednesday, February 22nd: Ash Wednesday**

- All School Mass @ 9am

### **Thursday, February 23rd:**

- Spirit Day!

### **Friday, February 24th:**

- Registration Contracts Due for the 2023-2024 School Year
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## ***8th Grade DC Trip Fundraising Bake Sale***

Tomorrow, February 16th, our 8th grade class will be having a bake sale. All funds raised will benefit their class trip to DC in May 2023. Please bring your money and support our 8th graders!

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## ***We're Having a Book Fair!***

**The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to St. Catherine from February 27th-March 5th.** Information can be found on our [Fair website](#).



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***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](mailto:socialmedia@stcatherineschool.net).

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

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## ***2023-2024 Registration & Enrollment***

This week we are kicking off registration for the 2023-2024 school year with the State of the School. Kathy Cox will share the school's latest accomplishments and notable events of the last year, and you will learn about the new tuition rates for the 2023-2024 school year. At that time, you will also be given access to the full enrollment and registration checklist in your [SchoolAdmin Parent Portal](#), which will include the 2023-2024 contract. Please be on the look-out for your family's registration and enrollment kick-off email in the next few days.

All contracts for the 2023-2024 school year are due by Friday, February 24th. We are continuing to receive a high volume of interest and applicants for next school year. Due to this influx, if your family's contract(s) is/are not received by EOD 2/24, your child's place in their class for the 2023-2024 school year could be forfeited.

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## ***Career Day 2023***

**Would you like to show our St. Catherine Tigers how cool your job is?** You're in luck! We are looking for more Career Day volunteers for Friday, March 31st from 1 to 3 pm!

What makes this year special and unique is that volunteers will have the chance to go directly to their child's classroom to share information about their career. This also counts towards your volunteer hours for the year.

- Not wanting to present? No problem, because we also need volunteers for the "job fair" portion of the day!
- Want to help but can't make it that day? Please ask anyone who has a passion for their work to join us! Cousins, neighbors, your local plumber, etc. All are welcome!
- We are especially looking for more unique trade jobs to be represented this year.

Questions? Please reach out to [Mr. Ward](#).

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## ***Esperanza International***

**Join us for Coffee Hour at St. Catherine's on Sunday February 26th!** There will be churros in addition to donuts... and tamales for sale!

Get all your questions regarding our trek to Tijuana with Esperanza International answered. The dates are July 30th - August 5th! All current sophomores and Juniors are encouraged to participate. Registration is due March 1st.

Please contact Katie Fleming at [kjfleming1239@gmail.com](mailto:kjfleming1239@gmail.com) with any questions or to pre-order tamales.

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### ***Tickets for Teachers***

Do you have tickets for sporting events, theater, or dinner gift certificates that are going unused? Consider donating them to our "Tickets for Teachers" raffle. This past month a staff member had the opportunity to go to a Husky game because of a generous parent donation. Contact [Tammy Matusak](#) if you would like to donate.

Thank you to our STC Parents for your continued support! #thetigerway

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### ***Yearbook 2022-2023***

**Attention Parents!** The Yearbook staff needs your help. Please send any pictures you take throughout the school year to [yearbook@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:yearbook@stcatherineschool.net) to be included in the yearbook. We are particularly interested in things that happen outside of school that our staff doesn't get a chance to photograph like CYO sports, back to school photos, and eventually events like Ski Bus and Speech Team. Thank you for your help!

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

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### ***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 not yet completed the Safe Environment Class, Protecting God's Children there is an upcoming class in the area. St. John is offering the class, *Protecting God's Children* on Sunday, February 26th at 6:00pm. Contact Sheila Marty at (206) 782-2810 to sign up.

If you have any questions concerning your Safe Environment requirements, please contact Charlotte Van Hollebeke at [cvanhollebeke@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:cvanhollebeke@stcatherineschool.net).

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## ***Non-Uniform & Spirit Day Calendar***

"When is Spirit Day? When is the first non-uniform day? I bought free dress passes at last year's auction - when can my student use them?" All these answers and more can be found on the [Non-Uniform & Spirit Day Calendar](#).

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## ***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 is a noon dismissal)
- Thanksgiving break: November 24th-25th (November 23th is a noon dismissal)
- Christmas break: December 19th-30th
- New Year's Day Observed: January 2nd
- 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.

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## ***YOUTH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM - Now Enrolling***

We have finalized dates for our Confirmation Program. Please enroll today at the parish site. Youth Confirmation is a 2-year program and for youth between 7th and 12th grade. This program helps youth and their families discover a deeper relationship with Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Classes begin on Sunday Feb 26th at St. Benedict's.

Please visit the parish websites for more program details and enrollment.

### **Site links:**

St. Catherine: <https://www.stcatherineparish.net/youth-confirmation>

St. Benedict: <https://parish.stbens.net/youthconfirmation>

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## ***BBHS Summer Camp 2023***

Soak in the summer fun at Bishop Blanchet! Registration is open for summer camps in athletics, academics, and the arts at BBHS. Tell a friend!

Athletics Camps run throughout the summer and include cross country, cheer (K-8), basketball, flag football, freshman football, lacrosse, soccer, and volleyball.

The Discovery Learning Camp (gr 5-8) runs August 7-11. This is a full-day immersive experience where students choose to attend three class sessions in STEM, art, music, drama, social justice, outdoor activities, and more. Lunch supervision is provided.

The BBHS Study Skills Camp (gr 5 - 9) runs August 14-17. This camp helps students develop time management, organization, study strategies, and planning skills to increase success in the classroom.

The BBHS Musical Theatre (gr 5 - 8) runs August 14-17. Students get the chance to study singing, dancing, and acting while rehearsing a few theatrical production numbers, culminating in a final performance on the last day.

You can view the entire Summer Camp Catalog [here](#). Space is limited! Multi-camp and sibling discounts are also available. Sign up before they fill up!

Questions?

Laura Meaux  
Director of Community Engagement  
BBHS Summer Coordinator  
[camps@bishopblanchet.org](mailto:camps@bishopblanchet.org)

[Register Here!](#)

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### ***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.

Please send updated records to Charlotte at [cvanhollebeke@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:cvanhollebeke@stcatherineschool.net).

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### ***Attendance Procedures***

If your child/ren will be absent from school, please notify the school office at [attendance@stcatherineschool.net](mailto: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.

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 or emailed.

If you know your child will be tardy due to a medical/dental/personal appointment, 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.

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](mailto:attendance@stcatherineschool.net) at least 2 weeks prior to the absences.

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.

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### ***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.

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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!

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# MASS SCHEDULE

ST. CATHERINE

SATURDAY	5PM
SUNDAY	*9:30AM
WEDNESDAY	9AM
FRIDAY	9AM

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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

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### ***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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