



## ***Weekly Newsletter - 1.25.2023***

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**Due to a Funeral Mass & Reception occurring today, Wednesday, January 25th, the pick-up procedures for the K-8 noon dismissal will be modified:**

- No Parent Parking
- Staggered pick-up in the parking lot:
  - Single child families: pick-up between 12:03-12:10pm
  - 2+ child families: pick-up between 12:10-12:17pm
- Parents will have until 12:20pm to pick-up their child

Thank you for your flexibility and your patience with this modified pick-up plan!

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

**Wednesday, January 25th:**

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

**Thursday, January 26th:**

- Tiger Spirit Day
- Primrose Planting on Campus (Bring Shovels & Gloves!)

**Sunday, January 29th:**

- Catholic Schools Week Mass @ 9:30am
- Open House & Education Fair @ 10:30am-12pm

**Monday, January 30th - Friday, February 3rd: Catholic Schools Week**

- See below for lots of fun information about the week of celebrating our school!
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## CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2023

January 29 - February 3

#CSW23

### **Catholic Schools Week is next week and we are ready to celebrate!!**

There are so many fun days and activities planned for students, families and staff too. Check out the schedule by clicking the button below. Your child's homeroom teacher will also provide more specific information about each day's activities.

[CSW Schedule](#)

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### ***Catholic Schools Week Open House & Education Fair***

**Please join us on Sunday, January 29th as we kick off Catholic Schools Week!** We will start with Mass at 9:30am, followed by our Open House & Education Fair, which will run until 12pm.

We invite you to drop by coffee hour in Victoria Hall after Mass and check out all the wonderful activities happening at St. Catherine. Many of our families have yet to have the opportunity to visit the classrooms and view the school. The classrooms will be open, and we would love to show you around!

**Do you have friends or neighbors looking for a school for the 2023-24 school year?** The Open House is an excellent opportunity to learn more about St. Catherine School. For more information, email [Tammy Matusak](mailto:Tammy.Matusak).

We look forward to seeing you there! **#thetigerway**

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### ***Reminder about Student Illness & Returning to School***

**From the handbook:** *A child should not return to school after an illness unless he or she has been fever free and free from vomiting for at least 24 hours, is well enough to go out at recess time, and no longer poses a risk of exposing other students. Students who leave school due to illness may not return to school on the same day; this includes extended care and other school activities.*

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### ***The Spirit Gear Order has arrived!***

If you placed an order at our College Hill Spirit store, please pick up your order in the school office.

Thank you for showing your Tiger Spirit! **#thetigerway**



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### ***February Signup - After School Primary Academic Support***

St. Catherine is pleased to announce an after-school academic support option for students in **grades 1st-3rd!** Primary Academic Support lasts from 3:15-4:00 PM on Thursdays. This is an opportunity for students to complete homework or class projects while receiving needed support from St. Catherine's primary team members. The sessions will be facilitated by Ms. O'Donnell, Ms. Kelly, Profe Budinich, and Ms. Elsner.

Please note, we are raising the cost to \$14 per session (effective February 2nd) and sessions will continue to be billed to your SchoolAdmin account. With this adjustment, we are able to increase the number of teachers at each session. Two teachers will be present to support just five students each, to allow us to offer more directed and intentional support to students attending.

**[The signup link for the month of February is here.](#)**

Signups will be included in the newsletter the last Wednesday of each month for the following month.

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### ***REGISTER FOR VOLLEYBALL TODAY!***

**Calling all 4th-8th Grade students. Registration for Volleyball is now open!**

Practices will start in February with the first games taking place at the end of February. 4th grade is Coed. All other grades are divided into Girls and Boys Teams. Please register now so we can start forming teams. Go Tigers!

<https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/seattlecyo/home>

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# Dads & Daughters Let's hit the dance floor!

Saturday • February 4 • 6pm-9pm



Come join us for a  
jam packed evening of FUN!

A dark blue banner with a colorful gradient border at the top and bottom. It contains text about the event's activities and a QR code for registration.

LIVE DJ ▾ PHOTOBOTH ▾ DANCING ▾ ENTERTAINMENT  
▾ REFRESHMENTS ▾ SNACKS ▾ DESSERTS ▾

CLICK HERE OR SCAN TO REGISTER

REGISTRATION CLOSSES  
FRIDAY JANUARY 27TH  
REGISTER TODAY!

A square QR code located at the bottom right of the banner, used for registration.

## ***Pizza Tuesdays Continue***

Happy New Year Tigers!

Back by popular demand.... St Catherine School will be offering pizza for lunch on Tuesdays throughout the rest of the year. The kids have loved our new Pizza vendor this year, Zeek's Pizza! We will be offering the remaining 17 weeks of pizza from January 31st – June 6th. The cost will be \$2.50 per slice.



Simply click the button below to enter your order for the second half of the year. We are using Square for point of sale and you simply need to enter your child's name, grade, and number of slices of cheese and pepperoni pizza that they wish to order for each day.

Please complete your order by Friday, January 27th. Thanks!

**Order Pizza!**

## ***AUCTION NEWS - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023***

A PRE-AUCTION EVENT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

**[RSVP TODAY!](#)**

**Have a business? Know a business?**

[Check out the Camp St. C. Sponsorship page](#)

## ***Uniform Donation & Sale at Open House***

**Where:** Gym

**When:** January 29th after Mass (donations accepted starting at 9AM)

Unload or purchase gently used jumpers, sweaters, sweatshirts, skirts/skort, and vests



## ***Zeek's Pizza Night - Fundraiser for 8th Grade DC Trip!***

On Wednesday, February 8th, the **Ravenna** Zeek's Pizza will donate 10% of all in-store food purchases made between 5-8pm (beverages excluded) to the 8th grade DC trip!

Want to skip the wait?! Pre-order your pizza [online](#) or through the app and select 'Ravenna' and 'Pick-Up' - you can still eat it in store with this option if tables permit! Ravenna Zeek's is located at 2150 NE 65th St. See you there!

## ***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

***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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### ***Volunteer Hours***

Each family with students in grades K-8 are required to contribute 40 volunteer service hours during the school year. Please email your hours to [Charlotte](#) in the school office. The Volunteer Hours Summary Sheet can be found [here](#).

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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 23rd 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. Family Orientation session will be on Sunday February 5th at St. Benedict after 11:15am mass. 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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