



Weekly Newsletter - 2.1.2023

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Catholic Schools Night at Climate Pledge Arena TONIGHT!!

We are excited to announce that our 7th-grade boys basketball team will be playing a 4-minute game during halftime of the Seattle University game tonight!

Join Catholic School families from across Western Washington & cheer on the Redhawks and our own Tigers! Bring your friends, wear your Tiger swag, and prepare for an interactive evening celebrating Catholic Schools week!

Get your tickets [here](#) using the code: CSW23

Upcoming Events & Calendar Reminders

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

- See below for lots of fun information about the week of celebrating our school!

Friday, February 3rd:

- Tiger Spirit Day
- All School Mass hosted by 5th grade @ 9am

Saturday, February 4th:

- Father Daughter Dance @ 6pm in Victoria Hall

Tuesday, February 7th:

- February Birthdays Non-Uniform Day

Friday, February 10th:

- No School for All Students: Archdiocese In-Service Day
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Study Hall Announcement

There will be no after school Study Hall for 4th-8th Grades on Thursday, February 2nd.



**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS WEEK 2023**

January 29 - February 3

#CSW23

Catholic Schools Week is here and we are celebrating!!

There are so many fun days and activities planned for students, families and staff too. Check out the schedule by clicking the button below.

[CSW Schedule](#)

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.

Photographer Wanted for Father Daughter Dance

We are looking for a photographer to capture the fun at the Father Daughter Dance this Saturday, 2/4 from 6-8PM. You or someone you know can be an amateur or professional photographer, but experience taking pictures in lower light settings is preferred.

If you can support this event please reach out to Madelyn Sheldon at madelynksheldon@gmail.com.



Spirit Store has Re-Opened from January 30th- February 9th

Don't miss your opportunity to order our popular spirit gear items! We are excited to offer Grandparent Swag. Don't miss your chance to show your favorite grandparents some STC love. Place your order today by clicking the button below!

The store will close on February 9th at 10:00 am.

**GO TO THE
SPIRIT GEAR STORE**

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](#).

Auction Procurement Party || Wednesday, February 8th

What's a Procurement Party?

It's a way to bring community together and kick things off on a fun note! Not sure what to donate? Not sure how to donate? Then this party is for you!

The Auction planning committee has built fabulous packages for the Camp St. C. Auction, but we need our community to help bring them to life. Sign-up to help build buzz-worthy packages together.

[RSVP Today!](#)

Order a pizza for the kids from Zeeks to help support the 8th Grade DC fundraiser, and then head over to the Growler Guys for 20% off beers and lots of fun!

Questions? Email us at auction@stcatherineschool.net

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!



Dads & Daughters
Let's hit the dance floor!

Saturday • February 4 • 6pm-9pm



Come join us for a
jam packed evening of FUN!

A graphic with a dark blue background and colorful brushstroke patterns. It lists event activities: LIVE DJ, PHOTOBOOTH, DANCING, ENTERTAINMENT, REFRESHMENTS, SNACKS, and DESSERTS. Below the list, it says 'CLICK HERE OR SCAN TO REGISTER' and 'REGISTRATION CLOSES FRIDAY JANUARY 27TH REGISTER TODAY!' with a QR code to the right.

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

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FRIDAY JANUARY 27TH
REGISTER TODAY!

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>

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 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).

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](#).

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](#).

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.

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>

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

Register Here!

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.

Attendance Procedures

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.

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 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.

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!

MIDDLE SCHOOL ENCOUNTER 2023

GENERATION OF



SCHEDULE

9:30	Doors open/Registration
10:30	Welcome/Opening Game
11:00	Keynote Session 1
11:45	Lunch
12:30	Activity Rotations: Games, Service, Prayer
1:45	Breakout sessions by grade
2:15	Parish Time
2:45	Keynote Session 2
3:30	Open Mic
3:45	Prepare for Mass: Praise & Worship
4:00	Mass
5:00	Blessing and Dismissal

SATURDAY, MARCH 11
BELLARMINE PREP, TACOMA

Join youth in grades 6-8 and experience God through community, learning, and prayer. A day of of journeying in faith as pilgrims of hope through lively general sessions, engaging workshops, and a fun-filled gathering of the universal Church.

Cost: \$40/youth, \$25/adults

REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!



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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