



## School Newsletter - 4.27.2022

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### ***Celebrating the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena!***

In honor of our patron saint, Saint Catherine of Siena, we are celebrating her feast day at the Saturday Vigil Mass on April 30th at 5pm. After Mass we will have a community celebration with music, food from the Chick'n Fix food truck, and tasty desserts from our Indonesian community. Students are encouraged to attend and wear their uniforms to show their St. C pride. Please come share in this event with us!

Also, please RSVP at the link below and indicate if you are able to help with this event. <https://forms.gle/M7yTY8aMnfREanr29>

### ***Absence Notification Reminder***

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.

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.

### ***Study Hall Announcements***

**Tuesday, May 24th:** No after school Study Hall

**Thursday, June 2nd:** Last Day of Study Hall for the 2021-2022 school year

### ***Paws-itive Parent Corner***

**Mark Backstrom**, you were caught being a Paws-itive St. Catherine Parent! Thank you for putting together the new soccer goals for our students to use at recess.



Thank you for your continued support of our school. Go Tigers!

## ***Volunteer Opportunities***

### **FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS**

Who would like to volunteer for Field Day? We have TWO Field Days organized and need volunteers for both - see below:

Tuesday, June 14th - K-3 Field Day  
Thursday, June 16th - 4-7 Field Day

On both days we will need to set up the field from 11:00am-12:00pm, run the stations from 12:00-2:35pm, and breakdown from 2:35-3:00pm. Please email Ms. Richard at [jrichard@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:jrichard@stcatherineschool.net) for more information!

### **SAFETY PATROL FIELD TRIP VOLUNTEER DRIVERS**

We owe our hard-working Safety Patrol team members a big thank you for their hours of duty! In order to thank them, we will take them on a field trip to the Family Fun Center in Tukwila and need to have volunteer drivers to make this happen! This year we need to make sure we don't have any grade level mixing in cars, so we need drivers from each grade level (grades 5-7).

If you are interested in volunteering, please complete this form: [Volunteer Drivers Form](#). This field trip will take place sometime between Friday, May 20th and Thursday, May 26th and the event will take the entire school day. The form will allow you to indicate your date preferences.

Please email Ms. Richard with any questions - [jrichard@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:jrichard@stcatherineschool.net). Thank you!

### **DRAMA**

If you are in need of volunteer hours the play needs help building props and sets.

We need artists, painters, prop builders, amateur & pro carpenters. Meet between the Commons and the 8th grade portable. Set building week-ends: April 30th-May 1st and May 14th-15th. If you want further information please contact John Flaa, [johnflaa@msn.com](mailto:johnflaa@msn.com).

## ***Did you say FREE TUITION? YES! Don't Miss Your Chance to Win Big!***

Here is your chance to win FREE TUITION for a year at the One Child In-Parish rate, Excluding all additional fees. Drawing will be held at the auction on May 7th. Need not be present to win.

Raffle tickets are available for \$100/each in the Main Office during school hours or every Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon in the school parking lot. {please park to purchase tickets}

If you would like to purchase a ticket but cannot make it to St. Catherine, please contact [Tammy Matusak](#), and she will assist you.



## ***CYO Volleyball***

Thank you to the coaches who volunteered with our 4th thru 8th grade teams. Congratulations to all of our 6th, 7th and 8th grade teams for qualifying for the playoffs. Good luck to the remaining teams in the playoffs!

Come support the Tigers in the semifinals and finals the weekend of April 30/May 1st.

### **Playoff Schedule - Semifinals and Championship**

6th Boys 4/30: 9am @ St Anthony - 314 S 4th St, Renton, WA

7th Girls 4/30: 12:45pm @ HFK

7th Boys 4/30: 11:30am @ St Anthony - 314 S 4th St, Renton, WA

8th Girls 4/30: 12:45pm @ St Joseph - 718 18th Ave E

6th Boys Championship 5/1: 2:15pm @ Bishop Blanchet Aux.

7th Boys Championship 5/1: 2:30 @ Bishop Blanchet Main

7th Girls Championship 5/1: 3:45 @ Bishop Blanchet Aux

8th Girls Championship 5/1: 5:15pm @ Bishop Blanchet Main

Go Tigers!!!

## ***2021-2022 Yearbook Order Form***

**Don't miss this year's unforgettable memories!** Order your yearbook [here](#). Yearbooks are \$30 each and the cost will be charged to your FACTS account.

## ***WANTED: Speech Team Coaches***

Hello current and future Speech Parents!

Speech Club is offered to students in grades 6-8. Our current speech club coordinators/coaches, Inoka Wijesekera and Heather Pigman, are ready to pass the torch. Please note that **NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY**. Inoka and Heather will be available to fully train you and provide support throughout the season. We are looking for parents to take over the following:

- Speech Club Head Coach (you can be easily trained on how to do this )
  - Be in charge of speech club meetings
  - Help the kids choose speeches
  - Help the kids learn to perform their speeches
  - Work with the Club Administrator to provide student/speech information
  - There will likely be several additional coaches to help out at meetings
- Support Coaches
  - Attend meetings when available to listen to speeches and provide feedback
  - No prior experience is necessary, you will be trained on what to look for

Working with the speech team is an incredibly rewarding experience and you will also learn a lot that you can use to help your own child. If you are interested in maintaining a robust speech program at St. Catherine, please consider helping out!! Contact Kathy Cox if interested [kcox@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:kcox@stcatherineschool.net)

## ***The Yearbook Staff needs your help!***

We need your Back to School/First Day of School, Ski Bus, and CYO Soccer and Volleyball pictures! Please send any pictures you have to [yearbook@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:yearbook@stcatherineschool.net).

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

## ***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)
- Teacher In-Service: Friday, October 14th
- Fall Conferences: November 3rd-4th (November 2nd will be a noon dismissal)
- Thanksgiving break: November 24th-25th (November 23rd will be a noon dismissal)
- Christmas break: December 19th-30th
- Teacher In-Service: Friday, February 10th
- President's weekend/break: February 20th-21st
- Teacher In-Service: Friday, March 10th
- 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 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.

## ***Spirit Days are Back!***

**By the order of the principal, all Thursdays this year are Spirit Days!** Students should wear uniform bottoms along with their favorite spirit gear items: STC jerseys, STC spirit socks, STC beanies & baseball hats, and Tiger t-shirts.

Go Tigers!!

The following noon dismissal days are free dress/non-uniform days:

- Friday, May 27th
- Wednesday, June 8th

Birthday Free Dress Days occur on the first Tuesday of the month:

- May Birthdays: Tuesday, May 3rd
- June & Summer Birthdays: Tuesday, June 7th

## ***Student Service Hours***

In alignment with our reduction in family volunteer hours, we have decided to waive third trimester service hours if you have already completed your hours for First and Second Trimester.

New requirements for the year 2021-2022 School Year:

6th Grade= 6 hours

7th Grade = 10 Hours

8th Grade= 10 hours

## ***Volunteer Hours***

**Update:** With limited volunteer opportunities, families with students in grades K thru 8th grade are required to complete **15 hours of volunteer hours (5 hours should be auction related)** during the school year. If you have volunteer hours from the first trimester you would like to report please complete a [Volunteer Hours Summary Sheet](#).

Please email your completed Volunteer Hours Summary Sheet to [cvanhollebeke@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:cvanhollebeke@stcatherineschool.net).

## ***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.

## ***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!

## ***North Seattle Titans Junior Football***

North Seattle Titans Junior Football is a Seattle youth tackle football program dedicated to teaching the fundamentals in a structured and positive environment. This Seattle youth

football program is for children between the ages of 7-14. Players are assigned to a team by their age and weight. North Seattle Titans Jr. Football will prepare players to be champions for life and young persons of strong moral character. Top-quality equipment is provided to insure safety of the athletes, Our youth football program serves the families and neighborhoods of Seattle, Snohomish County, and King County.

**Skills Camp (Non contact) : May & June Date, Time and Location TBD** (Information soon on our website)

**Titan Off Season Training:** Currently offering Saturday Training (Sign up information on our website)

Dates: Practices begin August 9th @ Ingraham High School, and will be held Monday through Friday, through the end of August; then 3 times a week after Labor Day weekend.

Website: Visit [www.northseattletitansfootball.com](http://www.northseattletitansfootball.com) or contact President Coach Bill Taylor at [nstitanscoachbill@gmail.com](mailto:nstitanscoachbill@gmail.com), or [\(425\) 672-3766](tel:(425)672-3766)

## ***Holy Names Academy Summer Camps***

Holy Names Academy invites young women entering Grades 4 through 8 or starting Grade 9 at Holy Names Academy in the fall of 2022 to participate in our summer camps. Athletic camps are designed to offer quality instruction from the HNA coaching staff, players, and alumnae in a fun, welcoming environment. Art Explorations and Leadership camps are a great way to meet HNA teachers and students and learn more about Art and Leadership Programs at HNA.

Please find more information and sign up at <https://www.holynames-sea.org/athletics/summer-camps/>

## ***BBHS Summer Camp***

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

### **Register Here**

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 **July 18 - 22**. 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 15 - 18**. This camp helps students develop time management, organization, study strategies, and planning skills to increase success in the classroom.

Space is limited, and early bird pricing ends Monday, March 1. Multi-camp and sibling discounts are also available. We are fully committed to student and employee safety and following public health guidelines. Cancellations due to COVID-19 will be fully refunded.

### **Questions?**

John Willey

BBHS Summer Coordinator

[camps@bishopblanchet.org](mailto:camps@bishopblanchet.org)

### ***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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