



School Newsletter - 9.29.2021

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Drive Through Pet Blessing

In celebration of St. Francis of Assisi's feast day, this Friday, October 1st at dismissal, Fr. Dean will be out in the parking lot giving your pet/s a blessing. All pets, parents and students must remain in their car, and the blessing will be given as you exit the parking lot.

Jog-a-thon 2021-2022

**Wow! Way to go Tigers! Over \$34,000 has been raised so far - yay!!
Can you beat last year's fundraiser of \$48,000?? Yes, yes you can!!**

The big event will take place this Friday, October 1st in the parking lot.

Calling all Tiger Parents! We need your help to make our Jog-a-thon a success! Please see the Volunteer Sign-up Genius link [here](#).

This is a student only event - Only volunteers will be able to cheer on our students. Volunteers must be vaccinated Please email a copy of your vaccination card to Amanda Lucero at alucero@stcatherineschool.net.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Run Fast, Raise Money, Succeed You Will!



Class Themes for the Jog-a-thon

Cubs - Pajamas

Tigers - Pajamas
Kindergarten - Mariners Colors
1st Grade - Seahawks/Blue
2nd Grade - Superheroes
3rd Grade - Tie dye
4th Grade - Free dress
5th Grade - Tie dye
6th Grade - Tutus and Sporty Clothes
7th Grade - Sports
8th Grade - Class of 2022 Senior Citizens!

Smells like Tiger Spirit!

We will be accepting spirit gear orders from September 27th - October 11th. Please fill out the [spirit gear order form](#) on our webpage. Go Tigers!

Uniform Clarification

Just a quick clarification regarding the uniform requirements for K-5th Grade girls. A navy blue jumper is not in compliance with the uniform policy. If your child has been wearing a navy blue jumper, please have her discontinue wearing that item to school. Thank you!

Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for a few parents to help with recess duty at one, or all, of our 3 recesses during the school day:

- Morning Recess: 10-10:30am
- Lunch Recess: 11:45-1pm
- Afternoon Recess: 2:10-2:30pm (not on Wednesday)

If you are interested, please let Amanda Lucero know by emailing her at alucero@stcatherineschool.net. All parent volunteers must be fully vaccinated and show proof of vaccination.

Virtual Fall Conferences

Wednesday, October 27th will be a noon dismissal day for all K-8 students as well as no school for those students on Thursday, 10/28 and Friday, 10/29 for virtual fall conferences. Sign-up genius links for K-8th grade will be sent via email on Monday, October 4th.

Fall MAP Testing

Fall MAP Testing started this week and goes until next Wednesday 10/6. Makeups will take place throughout this testing period, as well as during the week of October 11th. Students in 2nd-8th grades will take these tests.

Data from MAP tests is important for monitoring student progress, assessing growth, and providing instruction that continues to meet individual student needs. Please help make sure your child gets a good night's rest the night before each test and a filling breakfast that morning.

Please let your child's homeroom teacher know if your child will be absent, late, or leaving early on any of these days. Please let Ms. Elsner (celsner@stcatherineschool.net) know if you have any questions.

Speech Team

Exciting news for our middle schoolers! Are you looking to develop public speaking skills in a fun, supportive environment? Come join the Middle School Speech Club! Students (grades 6-8) who are interested can attend the **Introduction to Speech Club** Zoom meeting on **Wednesday 09/29/2021 at 7pm**. Parents are encouraged to join as we need all the help from our Speech parents to run the team and help with coaching and judging. We will have a general overview of Speech Club, including speech categories, registration, upcoming Speech Tournaments, and parents responsibilities and expectations. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Inoka Wijesekera at inoka.dw1@gmail.com or Heather Pigman at hpigman@msn.com

Speech Team is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Introduction to Speech Club

Time: Sep 29, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81222689052pwd=MG1aMTFWS0cvRWtxdFVSenRURzBkZz09>

Meeting ID: 812 2268 9052

Passcode: 354950

Study Hall

Study Hall for Grades 4-8 starts next week. Please complete [the application](#) and return to Ms. Horrigan at mhorrigan@stcatherineschool.net or to the school office.

LUNCH NEWS from Queen Ann Catering

Hello! We are happy to be at St. Catherine School for Lunch Service this year. Below please see some information to help you get signed up on the system and on to ordering lunches!

Queen Ann Catering, along with EZSchoolapps, provides convenient online pre-ordering for lunches, easy cash, check or credit card payments, as well as 24/7 online checking of student account balances. At your convenience, please browse our website queenanncatering.com where you will see how to get signed up on our pre-ordering system. Once your parent account is connected to your child's name, you will be able to view the menu and start ordering. The deadline for pre-ordering lunch is 8am the morning of the lunch.

Also, just FYI, as everyone may surely be aware, there continues to be shortages of supplies in all industries, and the food service business is no exception. We have a few temporary adjustments to our Lunch Program to accommodate the current unpredictable availability of the food supplies we usually depend on.

1. We will start the school year offering 1 or 2 lunch choices, depending on what supplies are available week to week. You will see choices added and subtracted according to what food supplies we can source for each week.
2. Until further notice, monthly menus will be posted as WEEKLY menus, depending on what supplies are available. Menus will be posted 3-5 days ahead of the Monday of the next week.
3. For now we are going to stay with the pre-order deadline as 8am the morning of lunch.
4. There is a very remote chance that lunch could be cancelled without much notice - you would receive notice before 7am the day of lunch at the very latest via email from QAC through the EZSchool Apps blanket Parent Email Tool. Again, this is very remote, but it's hard to know what we will be challenged with as the year gets started. Of course every means will be taken to provide lunches every day:)

We really appreciate your patience and understanding and hope these inconveniences are quite temporary!

Please contact us for any further questions if needed: ann@queenanncatering.com

Thank you so very much!
Queen Ann Catering

Tuition Assistance Application

If you are interested in applying for tuition assistance for the 2022-2023 school year, the application period will open on October 1st. This may seem early to apply for tuition assistance for *next year*, but the process takes some time in order to determine awards before our registration timeframe in February.

The application deadline is January 7, 2022. Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted after this date, so please be sure to put this on your calendar.

The application takes about an hour to complete and requires copies of W-2 and tax return forms to be submitted along with the application form. All necessary documentation must be received by the due date. There is a \$35 application fee (increased from \$29 in year's past). Families complete and submit their application via their FACTS accounts at: <https://online.factsmgt.com/SignIn.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

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. This could also be combined with our Preschool Before School Care Aide position 7:00-8:30 Monday-Friday if interested. Pay range: \$17-19/hour

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

Please email a resume and cover letter to Principal [Kathy Cox](#)

After School Coding Classes

LITTLE CODERS Grades K - 2

Tue, 3:15pm-4:15pm

Oct 19 - Dec 7

\$199 / 8-week session

Our Little Coders class is an opportunity for young children to develop their computational thinking skills, build their first programs, and have fun with new friends! The curriculum is designed specifically for early readers and takes into account cognitive abilities as well as the attention span typical for ages 5-7. We use age-appropriate online tools, including Lightbot, Kodable, and Scratch to introduce basic coding skills. After the class, students will

be able to share their projects with family and friends and continue programming at home with their Coding with Kids Scratch account.

Registrations at www.CodingWithKids.com/session/34244

SCRATCH: INTRO TO GAME DEVELOPMENT Grades 3 - 6

Mon, 3:15pm-4:15pm

Oct 18 - Dec 6

\$199 / 8-week session

Start your coding journey by creating your own games! Students will learn the core concepts of computer programming that will lay the foundations for future coding success. A variety of projects, such as chasing games, mazes, and animated stories, will allow campers to use their creativity while learning coding concepts like loops and variables. Our unique curriculum and smaller class size provide personalized instruction that helps students progress at their own pace while being appropriately challenged. Students will have access to their own Scratch account that will allow them to continue working on their coding journey at home.

Registrations at www.CodingWithKids.com/session/34245

Chess Scholars

Develop your child's intellect through the royal game of chess! Current research has shown a strong link between chess and academic performance in a variety of areas, including mathematics and language arts. Chess has been proven to enhance children's motivation, concentration, focus, social skills, and creativity. Each class will consist of a fun, interactive teaching period and guided practice time. Both beginner and experienced players are welcome and will learn under the guidance of an experienced Chess Scholars coach.

Schedule: 8 Thursdays, October 7th - December 16th, 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

No class: 10/28, 11/11, 11/25

To sign up, please visit <https://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup>. You will need to enter the course code *CSW10.7.21* to register. **Please register by 10pm PST on 9/29 for the early bird price of \$128.00.**

If you have difficulty registering, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at 847-482-9999 or registration@learningmeansfun.com

No refunds will be made unless there is insufficient enrollment. No make-ups will be scheduled for inclement weather or circumstances beyond our control. It's the parents' responsibility to remind the children about the classes.

If schools are closed during the program session, classes will pivot to all-virtual sessions. Please be aware of this as there will be no refunds made. Program provider has experience in virtual delivery.



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 Harvest Festival has been cancelled.



Esperanza International News

Esperanza has just reopened for groups to visit Tijuana and help with their mission to build houses (www.esperanzaint.org). St John Vianney Parish is Kirkland is taking a small group (following all COVID protocols) Oct 30th - Nov 6th. All ages. If you are interested in that trip or getting our high school trip up and running (tentatively planned for the week of July 24, 2022) please contact Katie Fleming kjfleming1239@gmail.com or Amanda Lucero alucero@stcatherineschool.net.

St. Catherine Parish News

Youth Confirmation | Classes Start October 10!

Register online now!

In late 2019, the Archdiocese of Seattle made the transition for the age of confirmation from 11th grade or 16 years of age to seventh grade or the equivalent age. (To learn more regarding the change in age, please read Archbishop Etienne's letter about the age revision.)

For this reason, we are offering separate classes this year for middle school and high school in order to accommodate high school students who did not have the chance to be confirmed the previous year due to Coronavirus restrictions.

For more information on this sacrament, go to the Archdiocese of Seattle's [Confirmation Page](#).

Here is the link to register your 7th or 8th grader for Confirmation Classes:

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



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