



## Weekly School Newsletter - 9.22.2021

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### ***School Picture Day***

School Picture Day is tomorrow, Thursday, September 23rd. You can order online now:

- Go to [dorianstudio.com](http://dorianstudio.com) and search for "Saint Catherine School"
- Select the order button from the appropriate picture day date
- Complete your transaction

Paper picture forms are available in the school office. If you would like one, please let [Amanda Lucero](#) know.

K-8 students are required to wear full uniform for their school photo, which would include the navy or maroon crew neck logo sweatshirt or a maroon cardigan or sweater vest. Hooded spirit sweatshirts are not allowed.

### ***Free Dress Days Are Here!***

If you purchased the **5 Free Dress Passes** for your kid/s at last year's auction here are the dates: September 28th, October 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th.

If you missed the chance to purchase the passes or you are a new family it is not too late! You can purchase all 5 passes for \$50.00 which we will be charged to your FACTS account. Please email Tammy Matusak at [tmatusak@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:tmatusak@stcatherineschool.net) and we will get your kid/s set for free dress fun. If you can't remember if you purchased the passes, Ms. Tammy would be happy to let you know.

Thank you for your support of the 2021 Spring Auction!

### ***Curriculum Night***

Curriculum Night for the 2021-2022 school year will be held virtually this year. Your child's homeroom teacher will provide families with the appropriate zoom link within 48 hours of their scheduled curriculum night.

Wednesday, September 22nd:

- 4th grade @ 6:00p.m.
- 5th grade @ 7:00p.m.

## ***Fall MAP Testing***

Fall MAP Testing begins this Monday 9/27 and goes until 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](mailto:celsner@stcatherineschool.net)) know if you have any questions.

## ***Jog-a-thon 2021-2022***

**We are 2 weeks in, and our students have raised over \$21,000!! Wow! Way to go Tigers! Only one week left to go and we need everyone to join the TEAM to get to our \$30,000 goal.**

The big event will take place next week on 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\*\*

Thank you in advance for your support.

Run Fast, Raise Money, Succeed You Will!



## ***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](http://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](mailto:ann@queenanncatering.com)

Thank you so very much!  
Queen Ann Catering

## ***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 5 - Nov 23**  
**\$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](http://www.CodingWithKids.com/session/34244)

### **SCRATCH: INTRO TO GAME DEVELOPMENT Grades 3 - 6**

**Mon, 3:15pm-4:15pm**

**Oct 4 - Nov 22**

**\$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](http://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](mailto: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.

## ***St. Catherine Parish News***

### **Youth Confirmation | Classes Start October 10!**

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.

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.

#### CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Sponsors need to be in place by the first class, since they will be engaging regularly throughout the process.
- During the course of these Confirmation Prep Classes, you can miss only one class.
- Attending Mass each week is highly encouraged during the process of Confirmation Prep.

Find out everything you need to know on the [Parish Confirmation Page](#), including how to register for classes.

## ***Volunteer Hours***

The volunteer hours for the 2020-2021 school year were due on August 31st. If you have not submitted your hours from last year please email them to Charlotte Van Hollebeke at [cvanhollebeke@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:cvanhollebeke@stcatherineschool.net).

## ***Attendance Procedure***

If your child will be absent from school, it is very important that you notify the school office by calling 206.525.0581 or by emailing [attendance@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:attendance@stcatherineschool.net), no later than 8:30am the day of the absence.

If you know that your child will be tardy, 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.

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/emailed.

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.

## ***Volunteer Requirements***

Please remember that anyone who volunteers in our school or in the parish must take part in the Safe Environment Program in three ways through the VIRTUS program. In order to be a Safe Environment approved volunteer you need to:

- Register at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)
- Read and approve policies
- Complete a background check
- Take the introductory class, *Protecting God's Children*
- COVID requirement: All volunteers must be fully vaccinated, and provide confirmation of vaccination, before volunteering at the school.

If you have any further questions contact [Charlotte Van Hollebeke](#) in the school office.



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