



School Newsletter - 5.25.2022

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Calendar Reminders

Friday, May 27th: Noon Dismissal for K-8 Students; No After School Extended Care
12:30pm Dismissal for Preschool Students; No Full Day or PM Pandas

Monday, May 30th: No School - Memorial Day

Wednesday, June 8th: Noon Dismissal for K-8 Students

Study Hall Announcements

Thursday, May 26th: Last Day of Study Hall for the 2021-2022 school year

Parent Club Needs You!

Please join us for our Parent Club Open House! The 2022-2023 school year is promising to be an eventful one. Our current plan is to bring back all of the treasured events from years past. And we need your help to make it happen! Our Open House will be a great way to learn about all of the events we have planned for next year as well as all of the functions that Parent Club serves throughout the year. We highly recommend that anyone who is interested in learning more sign up to attend.

Our Open House will be hosted at the Bergstrom residence on Tuesday, May 31st from 7:00PM-9:00PM. Snacks and Refreshments will be provided. Space is limited so please reserve your spot at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CA9AE28A6FF2-parent>

Hope to see you there!

Summer Small Group Counseling with Mr. Ward

This summer I have the opportunity to offer a *new counseling and social skills small group* for incoming grades 3-5, happening here at St. Catherine! The need for child and adolescent counseling has never been higher than right now, as it is a major challenge to find providers in the Seattle area. Although I am unable to meet with our students outside of school during the school year, I am thrilled to provide this option to work with your children outside school hours during the summer months. This small group will be a ton of fun and have many different aspects to it. We will learn **emotional regulation skills, participate in group sharing, and play many games.**

Sessions will take place each Monday from 9-11:30 am beginning on July 11th. Our last small group session will take place on August 22nd. Each session is \$50, but I am very open to discussing a sliding scale.

Reach out soon if you would like your son or daughter to participate!

Mentor/Buddy Program

St. Catherine School is bringing back a popular pre-covid program pairing new-to-the-school families with current families as a resource to ask questions and be welcomed to the St. Catherine community! Buddies/Mentors will be assigned to families with a child in the same class as their child and introductions will be made in June.

Mentors will receive five volunteer hours applied to the 2022-2023 school year! To learn more and apply to this program as a new or current family, please complete [this form](#).

Paws-itive Parent Corner

To Kelly Sens, Alumni and Kindergarten Mom. You were caught being a Paws-itive St. Catherine Parent! Thank you for helping in kindergarten and for your continued support of our school. Go Tigers!



Auction Wrap-Up

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!
Don't worry - There's still a chance to purchase!

10 Free Dress Passes \$100
Kindergarten Poppies \$20
3rd Grade Individual Pop Art \$35
4th Grade Individual Coaster Set \$35
Teacher Wish Lists Pre-8th and Specialists!
Donate to Fund an Enhancement

Click [here](#) to purchase class items or donate.

We still have a few wonderful items for sale. Please email [Tammy Matusak](#) if you are interested in purchasing any of these items:

- Robert Jacobs Senior Portraits: Value \$750
- Robert Jacobs Family Portraits: Value \$750
- High School College Essay Coaching: Value \$300
- 2 Month Membership to Armoire: Value \$238
- Men's Spider Jacket: Value \$199
- Miles of Smiles Dental Health Basket: Value \$500

Double your impact by submitting your gift and volunteer hours to your company matching program.

Moving Up Mass

Please join us for our annual Moving Up Mass on the last day of school, Friday, June 17th at 9am. This is a special Mass we hold every year to celebrate our students as they move up to the next grade (plus a few other celebrations). We will be holding the Mass outdoors (rain or shine) in the parking lot to accommodate all students, teachers & staff, parents & families.

- Parents will need to park on the side streets - please do not block any driveways!
- Masks are optional
- Please bring a lawn chair or blanket, and sit in the area at the east end of the parking lot.
- Students will be seated with their classes in designated areas. All students will be encouraged to bring a towel or small blanket to sit on for Mass.
- Preschool students & their parents - please attend Mass so your kiddo has the chance to move up to Tigers or Kindergarten

After Mass is over, students will return to their classrooms to gather their items. We ask that parents return to their cars and then line-up in the carpool lane to pick-up their child/ren, or wait in the plaza if walking home. Teachers will walk their students out at 10:30am to say good-bye and be picked up.

We hope to see you there!

Extended Care 2022-2023

Registration for Extended Care for the 2022-2023 school year is now open in SchoolAdmin.

Once you log into your [Parent Portal](#) account, you will be able to select 'Continue Enrollment Process' under your child/ren's name. The EC Registration Form is located in the 'Optional Steps' section. Please be sure to complete a registration form for each child in your family that will be attending EC next school year. A \$50/child registration fee is due at the time of registration and can be paid via SchoolAdmin.

Due to growth in student population and interest in EC, the rates for Extended Care for the 2022-2023 school year have increased. This allows us to hire enough staff to ensure a safe environment for all.

Volunteer Opportunities

SPEECH TEAM COACHES

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

Spring MAP Testing

Spring MAP Testing starts Monday 5/16 and goes until Wednesday 6/1. Tests are scheduled in the morning (1st-4th period). Students will not test more than 3 days in a row. Makeups will take place throughout this testing period. 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, especially as we look towards planning for next year. 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. There will be no tests on Friday 5/27 or Tuesday 5/31. Please let Ms. Elsner (celsner@stcatherineschool.net) know if you have any questions.

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.

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 will be a noon dismissal)
- Thanksgiving break: November 24th-25th (November 23rd will be a noon dismissal)
- Christmas break: December 19th-30th
- 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.

Absence Notification Reminder

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.

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.

Spirit Days & Free Dress Days!

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:

- June & Summer Birthdays: Tuesday, June 7th
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Safe Environment Facilitator

We have an opportunity coming up for any interested employees or volunteers who would like to become Safe Environment facilitators.

The training will be held from June 20-22nd online (the link will be shared closer to the date). It will be from 8am-12pm. All three days are mandatory to receive credit for the training. As soon as I have received [an application](#), I can send more information.

An ideal candidate will be each of the following:

- Active member of the community who has completed and is up to date on all Safe Environment requirements including:
 - Background Check
 - Safe Environment Training
 - Policy Agreement
- Has an active and approved Virtus profile
- Committed to creating a Safe Environment and protecting children
- Endorsed by a Pastoral Leader (Pastor, Priest Administrator, or Principal)
- Comfortable facilitating conversations with a group

Please note, the application must be received to attend and receive credit for this training. If you have any additional questions, please contact me at sep@seattlearch.org or 206-382-4285.

Warmly,

Courtney Wright

Safe Environment Coordinator

Volunteer Hours

With limited volunteer opportunities this school year, 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 year.

All volunteer hours for the 2021-2022 school year are due May 20th. Please complete the [Volunteer Hours Summary Sheet](#) and email it to Charlotte in the main office at 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!

ARCHBISHOP MUPRHY HS ATHLETICS SUMMER YOUTH SPORTS CAMPS



VOLLEYBALL: JUNE 20 & 21
4-6 PM
GRADES 5-8

\$75



GIRLS BASKETBALL: JUNE 20-22
10 AM-12 PM
GRADES 1-8

\$75



BOYS BASKETBALL: JUNE 28 & 30
2-5 PM
GRADES 1-8

\$75



FOOTBALL: JULY 12-14
5-7 PM
GRADES 1-8

\$85

TO REGISTER, VISIT EACH TEAMS' PAGE AT AM-HS.ORG



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 / Combine Camp (Non-contact) : Sunday May 22nd 3-5 PM at Ingraham HS
Register at our website: www.northseattletitansfootball.com

Dates: Practices begin August 8th@ Ingraham High School, and will be held Monday through Friday, through the end of August; then 3 times a week after Labor Day weekend.

Head Coach, Bill Taylor at nstitanscoachbill@gmail.com, or (425) 672-3766

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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