



## ***Weekly Newsletter - 10.19.2022***

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**Volunteer Opportunities**

Note: Next week's newsletter will be sent on Thursday, October 27th

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### ***Upcoming Events & Calendar Reminders***

**Friday, October 21st:** Donut Bar & Jog-a-thon Celebration Assembly

**Saturday, October 22nd:** Harvest Festival @ 6pm-9pm

**Wednesday, October 26th:** Noon Dismissal Day (K-8 Only) & Non-Uniform Day

**Thursday, October 27th:** Spirit Day

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### ***Preschool & Kindergarten Open House***

Are you a current preschool family starting to think about kindergarten next fall? Or do you have friends starting to think about preschool or kindergarten? Please join us/and or spread the word about our Open House on **Thursday, October 20th, at 6:30 pm**. It's an excellent opportunity to learn more about our preschool and kindergarten programs.

To register, please email [Tammy Matusak](mailto:Tammy.Matusak).

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### ***Once Upon a Mattress***

**We are so excited to be announcing our 2022-2023 musical, Once Upon a Mattress!!** This program is open to all 4rd-8th grade students. There are roles for singers, non-singers, and technical crew as well. Please see below for more info and click on the button for the registration form.

### Mark your Calendars!!

Tuesday, December 6th: Auditions for grades 6, 7, & 8 – 3:15-5:15 – Music Room

Thursday, December 8th: Auditions for grades 4 & 5 – 3:15-5:15 – Music Room

Friday, December 9th – Callbacks – 3:15-4:30 – Music Room

The first rehearsal and only rehearsal before Christmas Break will be Tuesday, December 13th, and then rehearsals will be held every Tuesday and Thursday starting on Tuesday, January 3rd.

If your child cannot attend either audition date, please contact Ms. Clara ([ccimino@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:ccimino@stcatherineschool.net)) or Ms. Jones ([ajones@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:ajones@stcatherineschool.net))

Cost: \$160/child (½ price for 2nd/3rd child in a family) for Cast T-Shirt and show expenses! There will be a Musical Behavior Contract for you and your child to sign, sent home after auditions. The contract and payment will be due no later than Tuesday, January 10th.

*Interested in Tech Crew?* We want to build a stronger behind-the-scenes crew in our theater department this year! If your child is interested in working in stage management, lighting, sound, props, costumes, or anything else backstage, please select “crew” on the registration form so we can build our team!

*Needed!!! Drama Volunteers* – Whether it’s monitoring during rehearsal, helping with costumes, or trying your hand at stage makeup come March, we have lots of opportunities and needs, both big and small, so please send a note to Clara or Ava if you are interested in helping out! We can’t do it without our volunteers!

## Registration Form

# Saint Catherine Harvest Festival

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 6pm – 9pm  
Victoria Hall

**GRAB YOUR TICKETS EARLY**

### Food, Games, Activities and more!

Cotton Candy = 2 tickets

Snow Cones = 2 tickets

Hot Dog = 2 tickets

Donut on a String = 2 tickets

Carnival Games = 1 ticket

Glitter Tattoo Artist = 3 tickets

Dunk Tank = 3 tickets

Hair Spray = 1 ticket

Pony Ride = 4 tickets

### Presale Ticket Bundles

25 tickets for \$50

Scan the QR code to buy tickets or

[CLICK HERE TO BUY TICKETS](#)



Additional ticket bundles available at the festival.

Benefitting St. Catherine's Parent Club

# VOLUNTEER NOW

Class Run Booths: Grade level RAs sent out class booth sign ups  
Chili Cook Off: Calling all chefs, judges & volunteers – [SIGN UP HERE!](#)  
Cake Walk: Calling all bakers – [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

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## ***Spirit Gear Store is Open!***

**STC Spirit Gear Store is now open, and closes on October 24th at 9:00 PM.**

Three times a year, we will have a “pop-up online” Spirit Gear Store. In this store, you will find favorite items such as hoodies and zip-up sweatshirts which are dress code approved. You may also want to shop for t-shirts, hats, sweat pants, coaches jackets, and shorts which can be worn on all spirit days and of course to every St. Catherine social event and sporting activity. We want every Tiger to show their Tiger Pride!

Check out our website on the [Spirit Gear](#) page for more information and FAQ's.

**Showing your Tiger Spirit is one click away!**

**GO TO THE  
SPIRIT GEAR STORE**

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## ***Fine Arts Club***

**What is Fiber Arts Club?** An after school arts program focusing on sewing and handcraft skills taught by textile artist Paige St-Pierre (Luc & Pascal's mom).

**When is Fiber Arts Club offered?** Fiber Arts Club will be offered Thursdays after school from 3:15-4:15pm. Duration is 5 weeks.

**What will my child learn at Fiber Arts Club?** Students will gain hands-on experience practicing skills in the fiber arts such as weaving, hand sewing, finger knitting, up-cycling fabrics, and creating mixed media sculptures. The classes are process-oriented providing students the opportunity to improve their dexterity and problem solving skills by using various tools, materials and techniques.

**Who should sign up for Fiber Arts Club?** Fiber Arts Club welcomes all genders, levels and abilities from beginner to advanced for students in 2nd-5th grades attending St. Catherine's school.

**How do I sign up for Fiber Arts Club?** Click the button below for sign up dates, details, payment, and policies.

**Register Here!**

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## ***Día de Los Muertos***

Hola! We are going to be celebrating Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) here at St. Catherine's. Your student is currently learning about it in Spanish class. To help us

celebrate, your student is welcome to bring in a photo of a family member, loved one, friend, or pet that has passed away to place on our school altar. Please ensure that the photo is clearly labeled with your student's name and grade so we can easily get the photo back to you in early November.

Gracias! Please email me if you have any questions.  
- Profe ([Emily Budinich](#))



### ***WAY TO GO TIGERS!***

***WE CRUSHED OUR JOG-A-THON FUNDRAISING RECORD!***  
**Our students raised over \$59,000!!**

Thank you to all our families, friends, and to St. Catherine's incredible students for all of their hard work.

***We will be celebrating our Tigers on Friday, October 21st. Every student will enjoy the Donut Bar & an all school assembly recognizing their efforts and our top runners and fundraisers.***

### **THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!**

Brooks Running, Safeway, QFC, Fred Meyer, Ballard Town & Country, Village Kids Dentistry, Great Western Security, Cheryl Gennaio, Darcie Well - Real Estate Gals, Prime Electric



### ***New St. Catherine Social Media Email!***

Have you been looking for a way to share your amazing photos from weekend sporting events? Do you have pictures of St. C's Tigers doing great things? Please share them with us at [socialmedia@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:socialmedia@stcatherineschool.net)

Make sure to include a description of the event along with the names & grades of the St. C tigers. #thetigerway

### ***Spooky Pops***

**Spooky Pops Sale on October 27 & 28:** NPH will be selling Spooky Pops lollipops to raise money to support our godchild Yhon in Bolivia. All money raised goes to support his education, clothing and nutrition needs. Spooky Pops are 50 cents each or 2/\$1 and will be sold during recesses. Thank you for supporting NPH!

## ***Retake Picture Day is Almost Here!***

Did you miss picture day or want to take a new picture? Retake day is quickly approaching. If we did not see you on picture day or you would like a new image, Dorian Studio will be taking pictures at our school again on Tuesday, November 1st. Do not miss out on ordering pictures of your student!

Orders may be placed online by searching for "Saint Catherine School" at [mydorian.com](http://mydorian.com) and selecting the green Order button next to the retake date of Tuesday, November 1st. Online orders are available up to 4 days after retake day.

If you already ordered and want a new picture taken please be sure to return your original picture packet to the photographer on retake day.

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## ***Parent Club Meeting***

Welcome! As a parent of a St. Catherine School student, you are a member of the St. Catherine Parent Club.

### What is Parent Club?

The Parent Club at St. Catherine School has three main functions: To raise money to support the school; to sponsor fun events that build a strong St. Catherine community; and to be communication link between the teachers/school staff, and the parents.

**You are invited to the first all community Parent Club meeting of the 2022-2023 school year on Tuesday, November 15th @ 6:30pm in Victoria Hall.** Come learn more about the fun community activities hosted by Parent Club, learn how you can volunteer as a Parent Club member and most importantly, meet fellow parents from our STC community.

Can't wait to see you there!

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***It's that time!***  
***AUCTION 2023 PLANNING***  
***We need you!***

***Please join us on Monday, November 7th, 6pm in the Learning Commons*** for an Auction kick-off meeting. We are excited to meet with you and share the planning opportunities. Our 2022 Casino Royale Auction was a great success - Excited to see it all come together again!

We need YOUR help to plan a spectacular event that raises funds for our school, students, teachers, & programs. It takes a village! We hope to see you there!

Questions? Can't make it, but want to connect? Reach out to [auction@st.catherineschool.net](mailto:auction@st.catherineschool.net).

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## ***CYO Basketball***

Basketball is back and registration for grades 4th - 8th is now open! Please use the link provided below to register:

[Seattle CYO Athletics \(teamsideline.com\)](http://seattle.cyoathletics.com)

*More information on our Intramural program for grades 1st-3rd will follow soon.*

If you are interested in helping as a coach or an assistant coach, please email Carol Ramirez: [karolra24@yahoo.com](mailto:karolra24@yahoo.com)

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### ***St. Catherine & St. Benedict Youth Choir***

If your child is between 2nd and 8th grades and is interested in joining the youth choir at church, please contact MJ Price. His email is [m.price@stbens.net](mailto:m.price@stbens.net).

The first rehearsal will be on the 2nd of November at 6pm at St. Benedict's in the church. The youth choir will practice every Wednesday starting on the 2nd and their first Mass that they will sing for will be the 20th of November. St. Catherine's will sing at the 9:30am Mass and St. Benedict's will sing at the 11:15am Mass.

We will discuss more of the future commitment at the first rehearsal.

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### ***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](mailto: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](mailto:celsner@stcatherineschool.net)).

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### ***Jesse Tree Ornament Exchange***

**Looking to create a new Advent tradition this year?** Please join us as for a Jesse Tree Ornament Exchange, where we create and share ornaments that depict the symbols of the Jesse Tree - Jesus' family tree!



It's a great way to engage your children in the faith, exercise your creative muscles and get to know other families. For more information or to sign up by Wednesday, October 19, please contact Tara Simons at [tmzsimons@gmail.com](mailto:tmzsimons@gmail.com). We need a minimum of 25 participants, so please spread the word to your friends and family!

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### ***Altar Servers***

Greetings and welcome back to school! This year we are excited to announce that we will resume our Altar Serving training. It is open to kids in 5th grade and up who have made their First Holy Communion.

Please email MJ Price, our PA for Liturgy and Music, to sign up. His email is [m.price@stbens.net](mailto:m.price@stbens.net). Training will be spread throughout the school year. We will contact you when it is your child's turn to be trained.

I'm looking forward to seeing more children participate in the celebration of the Mass. God bless. Fr. Dean

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### ***Tuition Assistance 2023-2024***



The tuition assistance process for the 2023-2024 school year begins now and the application is officially open. If you think that your family may be in need of financial aid next year, please complete an application. Tuition assistance is available for Kindergarten-8th Grade only.

The entire process is completed online through FACTS. All applications are first reviewed by the Fulcrum Foundation, a fundraising arm of the Archdiocese. Once Fulcrum determines their assistance awards, then the St. Catherine Tuition Assistance Committee will review the applications and distribute financial aid for the 2023-24 school year. Some families may qualify for assistance from both the Fulcrum Foundation and the St. Catherine program, but only one application is submitted.

The application deadline is January 6, 2023. This is a firm deadline - all completed applications AND required tax documentation must be submitted by this date for consideration.

You can access the application [here](#). And FACTS charges a \$35 application fee.

If you have any questions about the process or application, feel free to email [Kathy Cox](#) or you can access the FAQ page on the Fulcrum Foundation website [here](#).

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### ***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](#).

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### ***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
- 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.

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### ***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](mailto:cvanhollebeke@stcatherineschool.net).

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## ***Attendance Procedures***

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.

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](mailto: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.

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## ***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.

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## ***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!

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# MASS SCHEDULE

ST. CATHERINE

SATURDAY	5PM
SUNDAY	*9:30AM
WEDNESDAY	9AM
FRIDAY	9AM

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CONFESSION	SATURDAY 3:30 - 4:30PM
ADORATION AT ST. BENEDICT	1ST FRIDAY 6 - 7PM
ANOINTING OF THE SICK	1ST FRIDAY 9AM
	*Livestream Available



## R O S A R I E S

WEDNESDAY	9:30AM
FRIDAY	9:30AM



## OPEN FOR PRAYER

FRIDAY	10AM - 12PM
SATURDAY	3:30 - 4:30PM

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### ***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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