



## School Newsletter - 2.9.2022

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### ***Calendar Updates & Reminders***

**Friday, February 11th:** No School for K-8 Students - Archdiocese In-Service Day

**Monday, February 14th:** Valentine's Day Free Dress Day - Students can wear valentine themed free dress and/or the colors red, pink, purple, white. Students not wearing valentine free dress, must wear their uniform.

**Thursday, February 17th:** No After School Study Hall

**Monday, February 21st & Tuesday, February 22nd:** No School for All Students - President's Day Break

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### ***Wanted: Pizza Person for Pizza Lunch Next Year***

**The Parent Club is looking for a new pizza chair for the fall.** Our wonderful pizza lady is retiring. For the past 7 years our pizza lady has served your kids a delicious lunch and helped raise money for our school.

We are looking for someone to shadow her team on a few Tuesdays to prepare for next year. Duties include: choosing a vendor and ordering pizza, communicating with families (and office )regarding orders and payment (with help from the treasurer), maintaining a spreadsheet, creating pizza cards and distributing to classrooms, purchasing supplies, and the best part, serving the kids on campus for about an hour and a half on Tuesdays.

It's a great way to earn all of your volunteer hours. Grab a friend and share duties. Create your own team. It's a fun way to get to know the kids and staff. Our current weekly assistant is ready to help on a weekly serving basis if needed. Please don't let this valuable service fizzle out. If we do not have a pizza lead next year then there will be no pizza lunch (yes this actually happened).

Feel free to contact Amy Flaa with questions [amyflaa@yahoo.com](mailto:amyflaa@yahoo.com) or 206-334-5894

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

**To Inoka Wijesekera and Heather Pigman**, you were caught being Paws-itive St. Catherine Parents! Thank you for all you do to help our school be Paws-itively awesome! Inoka and Heather did a tremendous job with the Speech Team this year. This took a lot of time & coordination, and they were so supportive of the students!

Thank you, Inoka and Heather, for all you do!

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## ***State of the School Presentation***

**UPDATE:** This year's state of the school will be recorded and sent out to families via email. We ask that all families watch the presentation at their convenience before completing their online enrollment via SchoolAdmin.

Kathy Cox will share the school's latest accomplishments and notable events of the last year, and you will learn about the new tuition rates for the 2022-2023 school year as well as receive information about our new online registration and enrollment system.

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## ***Registration & Enrollment 2022-2023***

Registration and enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year will be completed via our new online system, SchoolAdmin. Over the next week, parents will receive an email from SchoolAdmin with a link and an access key to use to set-up their account, and begin the registration process. More information about the system will also be shared during the State of the School presentation.

The registration fee for the 2022-2023 school year is \$175/child. Enrollment and registration must be completed in SchoolAdmin by Friday, February 25th. Enrollments received after the 2/25 deadline will be charged the late registration fee of \$250/child.

We are continuing to receive a high volume of interest and applicants for next school year. Due to this influx, if your family's registration is not received by Friday, 2/25, your child's place in their class for the 2022-2023 school year could be forfeited.

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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)
- 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 (10:30 dismissal after the Moving Up Mass)

A printable PDF copy of the calendar will be available in March 2022.

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## ***Mary Poppins – Practically Perfect in Every Way!***

**We are so excited to be announcing our Spring musical, Mary Poppins!!** And for the first time ever, we will be having

two casts! This program is open to all 3rd-8th grade students. 3rd and 4th grade performers will be cast as ensemble and will be learning multiple songs with choreography. 3rd and 4th grade performers may also attend auditions but it is not required. There are roles for singers, non-singers, and technical crew as well.

Registration and online payment will be available on Friday, 2/11/2022 - be sure to check your email for this!

Mark your Calendars!!

**Tues. Feb. 15th – Auditions for grades 5-8 – 3:10-5:00 – Music Room**

**Wed. Feb. 16th – Auditions for grades 5-8 – 2:25-4:00 – Music Room**

**Thurs. Feb. 17th – Cast list posted – 3:10 in the gym foyer**

Rehearsals will begin Wednesday Feb 23rd. Performances May 19th-22nd.

5th-8th grade performers are encouraged to attend both audition dates. If your child is unable to attend either audition date, please note this on your registration form or RSVP.

RSVP or any questions can be addressed to John Flaa @ [johnflaa@msn.com](mailto:johnflaa@msn.com).

**Needed!!! Drama Volunteers** – Are you interested in working with kids and watching them transform into confident, proud performers? We would love to hear from you! As our program has grown, so does our need for additional adult coordinators who can provide supervision and organizational support. We have lots of opportunities and needs, both big and small, so please send a note to John Flaa if you are interested in helping out! We can't do it without our volunteers!

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## ***Volunteer Opportunities***

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities? Each week we will be posting volunteer opportunities both big and small in our School Newsletter. If you see something you would like to help with, simply email Tammy Matusak at [tmatusak@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:tmatusak@stcatherineschool.net) about volunteering.

### **This week's opportunities:**

- Organize Lego Robotics Kits (great work from home opportunity for 2-3 parents)
- Assemble new furniture in Preschool

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## ***St. Catherine Auction***

Click on the button below to check out the latest auction news, which includes the Auction Amazon Wish List, the donation raffle winner, and call for volunteers.

**Auction News!!**

Questions? Contact [auction@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:auction@stcatherineschool.net).

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## ***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!!

Also, the following noon dismissal days are free dress/non-uniform days:

- Wednesday, March 16th
  - Wednesday, April 6th
  - Friday, May 27th
  - Wednesday, June 8th
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## ***COVID Dashboard***

In an effort to maintain and share an on-going record of COVID-19 activity, St. Catherine will now be reporting positive COVID-19 cases within our community through our COVID-19 Dashboard that is linked on the [homepage of our website](#), under Quick Links. This dashboard provides current case counts for the past seven days and details how many of our students, faculty & staff are currently in isolation due to a positive COVID test. The dashboard will be updated regularly.

With the STC COVID-19 Dashboard in place, we will no longer send stand-alone notification emails to the parent community each time a positive case is reported. However, when close contacts are identified through our tracing protocol, we will still continue to notify affected families via email. We encourage all families to review our [most recent COVID plan](#) and contact the COVID Coordinators, [Kathy Cox](#) and [Amanda Lucero](#), if you have any questions.

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## ***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).

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## ***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)

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## ***ACC Labor of Love Auction Ends on Monday***

Last call for bids! **Monday, February 14th** at 9:00 p.m., bidding closes on the ACC's 20th annual Labor of Love Auction. Outstanding items are still available at <https://laboroflove2022.ggo.bid>.

Gift cards, home-baked goodies, entertainment, professional services - Choose from these and other treasures in this event that benefits children and families being served by Catholic Community Services.

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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!

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## ***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

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