



Weekly Newsletter - 1.11.2023

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Upcoming Events & Calendar Reminders

Friday, January 13th:

- All School Mass @ 9am

Monday, January 16th:

- No School - MLK Jr. Day

Wednesday, January 18th - Thursday, January 19th:

- MAP Testing (Math only)

Wednesday, January 25th:

- Non-Uniform Day
- K-8 Noon Dismissal Day

Thursday, January 26th:

- Tiger Spirit Day

After School Pick-up Reminder

When arriving to pick-up your child after school in the parking lot, it is imperative that you **do not block the driveway entrance**. When this entrance is blocked, it blocks all traffic on NE 85th St. and even causes traffic jams on Roosevelt Way.

If the carpool line is full, please pull into an open spot in the parking lot to wait for your child. They can safely cross using the Safety Patrol monitored crosswalk to get to the car.

Please use the passing lane to exit the parking lot and only turn right, towards 8th Ave NE. Thank you for your help!

Family Intent Forms

This time each year, we begin the budget planning process for the following school year. The process begins by projecting our enrollment, which in turn informs many important budgetary decisions, including staffing and setting tuition rates for next year. The enrollment projection also helps to gauge how many vacant positions we may have in each grade level for next year.

Below is a link to the electronic form we use to begin our enrollment projections. Please complete and submit your responses to the brief list of questions by the end of the day today, Wednesday, January 11th.

<https://forms.gle/YchWb1pzdDPxuqBz5>

Thank you!

Catholic Schools Week Open House & Learning Fair

Please join us on Sunday, January 29th as we kick off Catholic Schools Week! We will start with Mass at 9:30am, followed by our Open House & Learning Fair, which will run until 12pm.

We invite you to drop by coffee hour in Victoria Hall after Mass and check out all the wonderful activities happening at St. Catherine. Many of our families have yet to have the opportunity to visit the classrooms and view the school. The classrooms will be open, and we would love to show you around!

Do you have friends or neighbors looking for a school for the 2023-24 school year? The Open House is an excellent opportunity to learn more about St. Catherine School. For more information, email [Tammy Matusak](mailto:Tammy.Matusak).

We hope to see you there!
#thetigerway

Pizza Tuesdays Continue

Happy New Year Tigers!

Back by popular demand... St Catherine School will be offering pizza for lunch on Tuesdays throughout the rest of the year. The kids have loved our new Pizza vendor this year, Zeek's Pizza! We will be offering the remaining 17 weeks of pizza from January 31st – June 6th. The cost will be \$2.50 per slice.



Simply click the button below to enter your order for the second half of the year. We are using Square for point of sale and you simply need to enter your child's name, grade, and number of slices of cheese and pepperoni pizza that they wish to order for each day. Thanks!

Order Pizza!

AUCTION NEWS - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023

SAVE THE DATE! THE ST. CATHERINE AUCTION IS MAY 13TH

We need your help to make our auction a success! The generosity of sponsors will help defray the costs of the auction so that more money can go directly to educating our kids. Please spread the word!

Shine Kids Yoga

In this class we combine creative and physical movement, yoga, songs and games, self-discovery and self-expression. Through movement, children will work on coordination, balance, flexibility and strength. The program also helps children discover their creativity, uniqueness, strengths, mental and physical health, practice meditations and connect their mind and body.

Classes are open to students in grades K-5 and will be held on Thursdays from 3:15-4:15pm, starting January 26th.

Click the image below to register today!



The poster features a large yellow sun at the top with a crown icon. Below the sun, the text 'SHINE KIDS YOGA' is written in white. To the left of the sun is a yellow lotus flower with 'St. Catherine School' written inside it. To the right is a dark blue lotus flower with 'K-5' written inside it. Below the sun, the text 'Creative Movement & Yoga' is written in white. Underneath that, a paragraph describes the program: 'We blend the benefits of creative and physical movement, yoga, music and games, self-discovery and self-expression.' In the center, a young girl with long red hair, wearing a red dress and white sneakers, is jumping joyfully. To the right of the girl, the text 'Register here: K-5 Thursdays 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm' is displayed. Below this text is a button that says 'REGISTRATION LINK'. At the bottom of the poster, it says '(students need to bring their own mats)'.

After School Primary Academic Support

St. Catherine is pleased to announce an after-school academic support option for students in grades 1st-3rd! Primary Academic Support lasts from 3:15-4:00 PM on Thursdays. This is an opportunity for students to complete homework or class projects while receiving needed support from St. Catherine's primary team members. The sessions will be facilitated by Ms. O'Donnell, Ms. Kelly, and Ms. Elsner. Cost will be \$7 per session and will be billed to your SchoolAdmin account.

The signups for January are full, but you can email Ms. Elsner at celsner@stcatherineschool.net to add your child to the waitlist. This helps us gauge interest to see if we should expand the program. Signups will be included in the newsletter the last Wednesday of each month for the following month. The February signup link will be in the January 25th newsletter.

Coding with Kids

SCRATCH: ARCADE GAMES I Grades 3 - 6

Mon, 3:15pm-4:15pm

Jan 23 - Mar 20 (no class on Feb 20)

\$199 / 8-week session

What's even better than dodging obstacles, collecting tokens, and playing games on coin-operated machines? Creating your own arcade games! This course teaches students to code arcade games by applying programming concepts like Events, Functions, and Game Physics. Students can recreate popular arcade games by the end of the course, such as the Brick Breaker and Space Invaders.

Registrations at www.CodingWithKids.com/session/47274

LITTLE CODERS: ANIMATIONS Grades K - 2

Tue, 3:15pm-4:15pm

Jan 24 - Mar 21 (no class on Feb 21)

\$199 / 8-week session

Learn how to make your own animations in Scratch using basic coding skills! In this course, students will focus on the arts and animations side of game development. Students will learn how to create their own characters, animate them, and tell their story through art, creativity, and basic coding skills! Projects include animating a walk cycle, a running unicorn, and a funny handshake. Our curriculum focuses on reinforcing concepts in different ways to help students retain new ideas and build a strong foundation for future learning.

Registrations at www.CodingWithKids.com/session/47275



Chess Scholars

Winter 2023

St Catherine of Siena School

No Experience Needed



Grades 3-8

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: 9 Thursdays, January 26th - March 30th, 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM
No class: 3/2

To sign up, please visit <https://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup>.

You will need to enter the course code **CSW1.26.23** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 1/4 for the early bird price of \$162.00.

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

All participants must conduct themselves in a manner that allows all students to fully participate during the class without impeding their experience. We have a no refund policy, unless there is insufficient enrollment. No make-ups will be scheduled for inclement weather or circumstances beyond our control. Please be aware of this as there will be no refunds. 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.

A Parent's Guide to Fentanyl

Drug Rehab Services (DRS) has recently created a [A Parent's Guide to Fentanyl](#) to help individuals learn more about this drug and provide tips to help educate children. This resource can be accessed at the following link and includes: tips for parents, information about fentanyl, online safety tools, and helpful videos and articles.

Tickets for Teachers

Do you have tickets for sporting events, theater, or dinner gift certificates that are going unused? Consider donating them to our "Tickets for Teachers" raffle. This past month a staff

member had the opportunity to go to a Husky game because of a generous parent donation. Contact [Tammy Matusak](#) if you would like to donate.

Thank you to our STC Parents for your continued support! #thetigerway

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 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).

Volunteer Hours

Each family with students in grades K-8 are required to contribute 40 volunteer service hours during the school year. Please email your hours to [Charlotte](#) in the school office. The Volunteer Hours Summary Sheet can be found [here](#).

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](#).

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 is a noon dismissal)
- Thanksgiving break: November 24th-25th (November 23th is 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.

BBHS Summer Camp 2023

Soak in the summer fun at Bishop Blanchet! Registration is open for summer camps in athletics, academics, and the arts at BBHS. Tell a friend!

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 August 7-11. 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 14-17. This camp helps students develop time management, organization, study strategies, and planning skills to increase success in the classroom.

The BBHS Musical Theatre (gr 5 - 8) runs August 14-17. Students get the chance to study singing, dancing, and acting while rehearsing a few theatrical production numbers, culminating in a final performance on the last day.

You can view the entire Summer Camp Catalog [here](#). Space is limited! Multi-camp and sibling discounts are also available. Sign up before they fill up!

Questions?

Laura Meaux
Director of Community Engagement
BBHS Summer Coordinator
camps@bishopblanchet.org

[Register Here!](#)

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.

Attendance Procedures

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.

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 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.

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!



MASS SCHEDULE

ST. CATHERINE

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

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

*Livestream Available



ROSARIES

WEDNESDAY	9:30AM
FRIDAY	9:30AM



OPEN FOR PRAYER

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

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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