



## Weekly School Newsletter - 9.15.2021

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

School Picture Day will be on 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.

### ***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!

### ***Latest COVID Update***

Please read the latest COVID update [here](#) from Principal, Kathy Cox.

### ***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 15th:

- 6th grade @ 5:30p.m.
- 7th grade @ 6:30p.m.
- 8th grade @ 7:30p.m.

\*All middle school teachers (except music, PE, and art) will take turns presenting during the same Zoom session.

Monday, September 20th:

- Kindergarten @ 6:00p.m.
- 1st grade @ 7:00p.m.

Tuesday, September 21st:

- 2nd grade @ 6:00p.m.
- 3rd grade @ 7:00p.m.

Wednesday, September 22nd:

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

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

Last Friday we kicked off the Jog-a-thon for the 2021-2022 school year. This is one of our largest and most successful fundraisers of the year, and one that is fun for the whole family!

**Already in the first week, our students have raised \$9,995!! Wow! Way to go Tigers!**

The big event will take place 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\*\*

Our goal this year is to raise \$30,000, and we need everyone to join the TEAM to get there!

Thank you in advance for your support.

Run Fast, Raise Money, Succeed You Will!



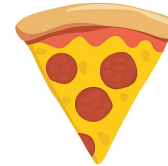
**Autumn Used Uniform Sale - THIS SUNDAY - Donation Tips and Tricks**

YES, PLEASE!	NO, THANKS!
  Plaid  St. C Sweatshirts  Skorts/Skirts  Vests/Cardigans <div style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">       Donations at Uniform Sales Events        VALET COLLECTIONS        1<sup>st</sup> Monday (NOV-FEB) PM Car Line     </div>	  Pants  Socks  Polos  Shorts <div style="background-color: #F44336; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">       Used Uniform Requests Between Sales        Donation Drop Offs to School Office     </div>
<div style="background-color: #FFEB3B; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <b>NEXT SALE</b>  <b>SUNDAY</b>  <b>SEP 19</b>  <b>AFTER MASS</b> </div> <div style="background-color: #FFEB3B; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Donation</b>  <b>Drop Off</b>  <b>starts at 9AM</b> </div>	

## Pizza Lunch

### From the Pizza Lady:

Pizza Tuesdays are coming! The first half of pizza lunch will begin on September 21st and run through January 25th for grades K-8 only. Jet City will provide us with pizzas again this year. Options are cheese and/or pepperoni @ \$2 per slice per week (17 weeks total). Please place your order by 3pm on Friday September 17th to ensure your child's order for the first half of the year. Sorry, pizza cannot be ordered on a week to week basis.



To place your order please click on the button below, use the + or - button to specify number of slices and kind of pizza, write in student's name and grade, add to cart for each student and pay at checkout.

Thank you for supporting our Parent Club fundraiser. Questions? please contact Amy Flaa. 206-334-5894 or [amyflaa@yahoo.com](mailto:amyflaa@yahoo.com)

[Click Here to Order Pizza](#)

## Family Handbook

The [family handbook for the 2021-2022](#) school year has been updated. Please read through the handbook with your student/s. The signed page should be turned into the school office by Friday, September 17th. It is expected that each student and parent/guardian will make a sincere effort to comply with the regulations, and will support the values of St. Catherine School.

## Attention Families of Walkers!

As a reminder, please meet your child at the front of the school (this is different from last year). They will be lined up against the brick wall of the school on the south end of the building. When your children get out of the car at morning drop-off, please remind them if they are a walker that day so that they will know not to go to the parking lot with their class after school.

## ***Student Walker Permission***

For those students in grades 5-8, the [Student Walker Permission Slip](#) will provide permission from parents to walk or bike home (or other approved place) after school. Please return the completed form to the [school office](#) before the first day of school.

## ***CYO Cross Country***

**Tigers, the Cross Country season is about to begin!** Please see below for important details and registration info as this season will look different than past years.

For runners in K-5 grade all the meets will be virtual this year. For runners in 6th - 8th grade all the meets will be virtual except the last meet of the year on Sunday, October 10th at Lake Sammamish State Park. The good news is that we are planning to practice in person at Maple Leaf Park right after school on Monday's from September 13th - October 4th. For families with extended care we will be able to get your kids back and forth to practice. We are still planning to have some sort of "treat" (Slurpy Run type activity) during the last practice. We are also hoping to get grade level groups together on Sunday's to do their "virtual meets" together if they choose.

For those that have already registered we wanted to provide this clarity for the season and for those that are interested in Cross Country please register at the CYO website. [Seattle CYO Athletics \(teamsideline.com\)](#). We will also need parent volunteers for the in person practices at Maple Leaf Park (all parent volunteers must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination to the [school office](#)). The practices will be right after school and will last about an hour.

Please contact Dave Mayer at [dmayer25@hotmail.com](mailto:dmayer25@hotmail.com) if interested. Thank you!

## ***From the Lunch Room***

Hot lunch will begin on Wednesday, September 22nd. Please send your child with a packed lunch until hot lunch starts.

### **LUNCH NEWS from Queen Ann Catering.**

Hello! We are happy to be serving the St. Catherine families for Lunch Service this year! At your convenience, please browse through our website [queenanncatering.com](http://queenanncatering.com), where you will see how to get signed up on our online pre-ordering system, EZSchoolApps. Menus and access to pre-ordering will be announced shortly.

We also want to reach out to parents to see if anyone is interested in working the Lunch Program here or at another local nearby school?? It's a great part-time job - work 3-4 hours a day between 9am - 1pm in a welcoming school kitchen environment. Please contact us for more details - email [ann@queenanncatering.com](mailto:ann@queenanncatering.com).

## ***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 *CWD10.7.21* 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 Welcome Back Coffee and Parent Club Meet & Greet have been cancelled.

## **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*

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



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