



Weekly Newsletter - 11.9.2022

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Our collective hearts are broken after yesterday's tragic events at Ingraham High School. We send our deepest condolences and loving prayers to those families affected and the entire Ingraham school community.

Upcoming Events & Calendar Reminders

Thursday, November 10th:

- No after school Study Hall

Friday, November 11th:

- No School - Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 17th:

- Spirit Day!

Wednesday, November 23rd:

- Noon Dismissal for All Preschool - 8th Grade Students
- No After School Extended Care
- No Full Day Preschool (12pm-3:10pm)
- No PM Pandas

Thursday, November 24th & Friday, November 25th:

- No School - Happy Thanksgiving!

Calendar Update

The Gala Auction will take place on Saturday, May 13th, 2023.

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 the Learning Commons.

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!



ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL THE TIGER FUND

St. Catherine School is a community defined by giving - a community that grows stronger through the participation of every member. Fundraising and volunteer activities celebrate, honor, and preserve this spirit of giving. Your gift to the Tiger Fund supports the talented teachers and enriching programs that make St. Catherine School special.

The Hamilton family (Zoe 2nd, Hazel 4th, Luca class of 2019) is privileged to be this year's annual Tiger Fund Campaign Leaders.

Tuition alone doesn't cover the cost of the excellent education our students receive. Our Tiger Fund goal for the 2022-23 school year is \$75,000 and 100% participation by all school families. Remember, participation in the Annual Tiger Fund is part of the school contract signed by all school families. No gift is too small, and all contributions are 100% tax deductible.

Donations can be made through SchoolAdmin, by credit card [here](#) (be sure to select "School Annual Tiger Fund"), and/or by check. Please fill out the [pledge form](#) on our website to indicate how you will give this year.

Please remember to look into a matching gift from your company and watch your dollars double, even triple! View our Matching Funds Guide [here](#).

Thank you in advance for your generosity

Thank you!!

Thank you to CYO and Parent Club for our 2 new STC tents, and our new mascot suit!

Alma Emergency Notifications

On Tuesday, we sent out an alert notifying all parents of a modified shelter in place occurring at the school. You should have received a phone call or text message (depending on your preferences) and an email from the school indicating this alert.

If you received a phone call, you may have noticed that it takes a few seconds for the message to play. That's normal; it's just the system activating the voice message. Also, the system will leave you voicemail if you miss the call. Please be sure to listen to the voicemail in its entirety, as it will contain important information. Also, please know that in the event of certain emergencies it is possible that the office staff may not be able to answer the phone, which makes it particularly important that parents listen to the full message. This is the same system we will use for notification of school closures, weather delays, etc.

If you would like to update your notification preferences, please log into your Alma account, and at the very top right hand corner, click on the circle with your initials. Select "Notifications Preferences" and then indicate on the next page how you would prefer to receive emergency notifications - phone call or text message.

If you have any questions about Alma notifications, please contact [Amanda Lucero](#).

Thank you to those who attended the Auction Planning Kick-off meeting! It was a great informational meeting, and a lot of good conversation and questions were shared.

[Here](#) is the document we reviewed with a few updates to the tentative meeting schedule.

Please review the sign-up forms and reach out with any additional questions/comments to auction@stcatherineschool.net. Scan the code, or [click here](#) to view and fill out the form. Be sure to share your theme suggestions - There will be a vote once we have collected all of your fun ideas.

The St. Catherine Auction is the school's biggest fundraising event of the year. It brings the community together and raises funds for our students, faculty and staff, programing and tuition assistance. We need all of our incredible volunteers to make this year's auction a success!

Thank you for your interest in joining the planning committee.
The Auction Team
auction@stcatherineschool.net

St. Vincent de Paul Give Drive: November 14th-18th

Gift Wrap Drive: 5th-8th Grade

We want to assemble 40 kits, one for each family SVDP are helping with Christmas gifts. Items in the kit should be new and unopened, except when larger packaging is broken down to smaller units.

For each kit we want:

- 2 rolls of non-religious gift wrap. It can have a general holiday or children's theme, but should avoid religious wording or symbols. This is to avoid offending non-Christian families we serve.
- Small bag of stick-on bows OR one roll of ribbon.
- Gift tags
- 1 roll of Scotch tape

Food Drive: Grades Preschool - 4th Grade

We need non-perishable foods that haven't passed their expiration dates. Popular canned items include: Soups, chili, fruit, tuna, chicken, ready to eat pasta. Some of our neighbors are homeless and for them cans that open with a pull-tab are better than ones that require a can opener. We can also use peanut butter, applesauce, granola bars, breakfast cereal.

Non-food items are also important because they cannot be purchased with SNAP (food stamp) benefits. This includes: toilet paper, toothbrushes and toothpaste, hand soap, paper towels.

ACC Holiday Wreath Fundraiser

For the 18th consecutive year, the women of the **ACC Marjorie Ryan Circle** will be delivering locally grown mixed noble fir wreaths and garland from Hood Canal Evergreens to St. Catherine School and Parish. All profits directly benefit the charitable organizations that ACC supports. Remember to order for your friends and family this holiday season. We truly appreciate your annual orders and we are happy to bring a little tradition and joy to the Christmas season. Thank you for sharing our vision, and helping us carry out **Advocacy and Caring for Children's** 104-year tradition of service and compassion.

You'll find our order form [here](#). Please return order forms and checks to the school office, by email or US mail, by November 11th. Payments can be made by check or Venmo. Orders will be delivered to the St. Catherine parking lot and ready for pick-up before Thanksgiving on Monday, November 21st between 1:00-3:30.

Questions? Gayle Kaplan gayle@kaplan1.com or (206) 714-9258.

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!](#)

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) or Ms. Jones (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

Math Club News!

Interested in helping kids develop math confidence? Math Club is seeking volunteers (adults and students sixth grade and older) to build math confidence in fun ways for elementary school students. No math experience needed! Before the pandemic, Math Club met twice a month and explored math through arts, crafts, and games. With enough volunteers, we hope to resume in-person meetings starting in January. In addition, we are exploring other means of promoting and supporting math at the school. This is a fun way to get volunteer hours for adults and service hours for middle school students.

If interested in volunteering or learning more about Math Club, please contact Ivy Wong by November 11 at parenting105@gmail.com.

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

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

Volunteer Opportunity: NEEDED ASAP

We are seeking 3-4 adults who can sort/inventory our Lego Robotics materials. Pre-pandemic, students were mid-projects with these sets, and they now need to be ready to go for our second trimester elective. This is a time-consuming, tedious task, so if you are someone who is super organized, and loves repetitive tasks, this opportunity is for you!!! You will meet with Mrs. Payne to work on this task. This can be completed on school days, weekends, or both.

Please contact Kathy Cox ASAP if you're interested. kcox@stcatherineschool.net

CYO Basketball

4th-8th grade practices started this week and IM (1st-3rd grade) registration is now open. If your kid is interested, you can sign up here:

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

The IM program mixes kids from 1st to 3rd grades, boys and girls, into teams that play against each other at Victoria Hall on Saturday mornings. All levels are welcome. Please email Carol Ramirez (karolra24@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

Yearbook 2022-2023

News from the Yearbook Staff: We are doing a contest for the cover of the 2022-2023 yearbook! Our theme this year is "Splatter" ([as seen here](#)) and our title is "A Colorful Roar". Whoever wins will have their design on the cover of this year's yearbook. Even if you don't win, all participants will have their submissions included inside the yearbook. Students can pick up an entry form outside Ms. Elsner's office or [print here](#). Drawings/designs are due on Wednesday, November 16th at 3:30pm.

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).

Tutoring

Emelia Hughes, a St. Catherine Extended Care employee, is available for tutoring. Emelia graduated from UW this past June with a BS in Informatics and a BA in Drawing & Painting. She has been privately tutoring students in elementary through high school for the past 6 years, primarily in Math, Science, and English. Right now, Emelia is on a gap-year while applying to PhD programs and working in the after-school extended care program. Recently, she has had some availability open up to take on more students after extended-care hours. You can reach out to Emelia at ehughes@stcatherineschool.net for more information.

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



Enrollment is Now Open!

We are excited to have our Sacramental Preparation classes for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist start this year. It is for children 7 years of age and in the second grade, or for those in third - fifth grade who have not received these sacraments. Classes begin in December with a special "Kick-off" event on November 20th.

Please enroll on the parish site at: <https://www.stcatherineparish.net/firstsacraments>

Any questions please contact Tita Ruiz: Faithformation@stbens.net

SVDP Holiday Program

St. Catherine SVDP is launching the 2022 Holiday Program providing meals for approximately 46 neighbor families totaling 120 members. Eighteen of the families are headed by deaf women who have suffered abuse; and the majority of the families have been disadvantaged as a result of social and economic policies. Our budget for Thanksgiving meals is \$3,600. That breaks down to \$30 per individual. We will provide the family a voucher to a local grocery store to select and shop for a meal they prepare.

Will you help us by donating what you can to the SVDP Holiday Program? You can:

- 1) click the [SVDP Holiday Program button on the website](#) to donate online;
- 2) write a check to SVDP Holiday Program using the collection basket at Mass;
- 3) mailing your check to the parish office, 814 NE 85th Ave, Seattle, 98115.

With your help we can provide our neighbors with a nice meal as they celebrate Thanksgiving.

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](#).

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 23rd 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.

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.

ST. BRENDAN HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Come shop 100+ craft vendors and
enjoy home-baked treats and
refreshments for purchase

NOVEMBER 12, 2022

9 AM - 4 PM

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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



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

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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