



One Spirit,

One Community

**December 12, 2018
Parent Newsletter**

Excellence in Education, Body, Mind, & Spirit

Upcoming Events

- **Bake Sale** will be held on Thursday, December 13th. It will be hosted by Kindergarten and 7th Grade. Come out and enjoy some tasty treats.
- **Jeans 4 Jesus** will be held on Thursday, December 13th. Students may wear jeans for \$1.00. Students must be within dress code guidelines.
- **Middle School Reconciliation** on Thursday, December 13th at 1:00 P.M.
- **School Liturgy** on Friday, December 14th at 8:10 A.M. Students must be in liturgy dress.
- **Santa's Workshop** will be held through Friday, December 14th. Students may purchase gifts for family and friends at this event.
- **Toy Drive** will be held through Friday, December 14th. Students may bring in new unwrapped toys to the school office. They will be donated to children from our parish communities who are in need of gifts this Christmas Season. Toys can be as small as Hot Wheels and as big as bikes. Thank you for your support.

- **Spirit Shirt Tuesday** on December 18th. Students may wear their school spirit shirt with uniform bottoms.
- **SCA Christmas Program** will be Thursday, December 20th at 6:00 P.M. in the Notre Dame gym. No After Care.
- **Minimum Day** on Friday, December 21st. Dismissal will be at 11:50 A.M. **No After Care.**
- **Christmas Vacation** will begin on Monday, December 24th. School will resume on Monday, January 7th.

Alumni Update

Louanne Buan – SCA: Class of 2018

She has been nominated to attend three medical/science conferences:

- 1) Nominated by Nobel Prize winner Mario Capecchi as a delegate representing the State of California, Congress of Medical Leaders.
- 2) Nominated to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum: Medicine.
- 3) Nominated to attend the Ambassador Leadership Program.

We are proud of all of your accomplishments and wish you the best!

Non-Discrimination Policy

St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish School admits students of any sex, race, color, religion, creed, national and ethnic origin to all rights and privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to all students of the school. St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish School does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, creed, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship programs, and athletic or administered programs.

Martha's Loving Arms

If you are aware of any school family experiencing serious health issues or a death, please call or text our PTG Loving Arms contact, Mrs. Mankin, at (951) 212-8554. We are here to offer our comfort, support, and prayers.

Mission Statement

St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish School provides a Christ-centered Catholic environment where all students are challenged to achieve their personal best spiritually, academically, and culturally. We are committed to educating the whole child, promoting excellence, and modeling compassion. We are a community of believers enlightened by knowledge and enriched by faith.

Incomplete Assignments

Incomplete Assignment Sheets will be sent home in the yellow envelopes every Wednesday. They must be signed and returned to school on Thursday to child's teacher. You can also check their progress by visiting www.gradelink.com. Please make sure that you are working with your child to have all assignments submitted as soon as possible. ***Assignments must be completed in order for students to participate in field trips and sports.***

Monday Morning Assembly

Please join us for Morning Assembly at 7:50 A.M. on the first day of the school week (usually Monday) as we pray together, sing together, and do the pledge of allegiance together. We will also take time to recognize students who have earned awards from the previous week. Don't forget to join us on Friday mornings as we close the school week with School Liturgy, at 8:10 A.M.

After School Care

Please remember that After School Care closes at 6:00 P.M. Students picked up after this time will be billed accordingly. Students not picked up within 20 minutes of the end of the school day or after a practice will automatically be signed into After Care. **If you have not signed up for After Care and have to use it, you will be billed accordingly.** Please see page 19 of the Parent Handbook for more details.

Before/After School Conferencing

Please remember teachers have specific duties before and after school and are not available to conference (even just for a quick minute). Student safety is our primary concern, and if we stop to talk this can distract us from our preparations or supervision duties. We welcome parents to use Class Dojo to ask for a conference time so we can give you our full attention.

Morning School Care

Morning Care begins at 7:00 A.M. Students must report to the After Care room if they are dropped off this early. At 7:30 A.M. students will be dismissed to the benches and school will begin as usual at 7:50 A.M. At this time there is no cost for the service.

Front Entrance

In order to maintain the safety of our campus, the front entrance to the school will remain locked at all times. Please wait to be buzzed in by school personnel. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause but student safety is our first priority.

We ask that parents/guardians please not come onto campus prior to dismissal gates being opened at 2:55 P.M. These measures will continue to ensure student safety.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is the preferred communication tool between you and your child's teacher. Not only does Class Dojo provide you with current and specific information regarding your child's behavior at school, it also provides an easy to use messaging system. Parents are encouraged to access their child's Dojo account anytime and view a report outlining exactly why their child is receiving warnings, positive, and negative points as well as which class/ situation the points come from. These reports can be viewed on a daily basis, weekly basis, or monthly basis. Teachers also post pictures of class activities and events to help you feel connected and give you something to talk about over dinner. The messaging system is as easy as a "text" message and many teachers reply promptly (faster than if you email!) Once you are connected, please check Class Dojo weekly (daily is best!) for announcements, to check behaviors, and to message teachers.

Student Pick-Up

Student pick-up has changed for this school year. All students must be picked up from their classroom door at 3:00 P.M. Parents may park in the school or church parking lot. We have opened up 14 additional parking spots in the front. **During dismissal we ask that these spots be reserved for those with disabilities, grandparents, or expectant mothers. The dismissal gate will be opened for pick-up at 2:55 P.M. Parents are welcome to wait under the patio area. All students not picked up after school will be walked over to After Care at 3:20 P.M.**

Wednesday Envelope

A family envelope, which is yellow, goes home every Wednesday with the oldest child in the family. This envelope is filled with various forms and flyers. The envelope must be signed by a parent and returned on Thursday. This is another way for our staff and teachers to communicate with our families. **Please check your Yellow Wednesday Envelope. There are flyers and forms that are not contained or discussed in the Weekly Newsletter.**

Gradelink

Our school uses a web-based grade and assignment reporting system – Gradelink. Parents or students can access the Gradelink site 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is a link on our school's web page or you can use www.gradelink.com. The Gradelink site provides information on your child's grades, conduct and current assignment status. We strongly urge parents to visit the website at least weekly or set up instructions for automatic email contact if student's grades drop in a subject area. ***Families with delinquent accounts will automatically be locked out of Gradelink.***

Background Check

If you have not yet been background cleared, that must be completed before you can volunteer. Coaches must be TB tested too. Also remember that you need to be background cleared in order to attend field trips. **Please note that in order to stay within diocesan regulations all volunteers fourteen years of age or older must undergo the Safe Environment Teen Training. In addition, these students must be under direct adult supervision at all times while volunteering.**

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