



One Spirit,

One Community

April 10, 2019
Parent Newsletter

Excellence in Education, Body, Mind, & Spirit

Upcoming Events

- **Third Trimester Progress Reports** go home today, April 10th in the Wednesday Envelope. You will receive two copies. The copy stamped COPY in red is yours to keep. The other copy must be signed and returned to school.
- **Jeans 4 Jesus** is on Thursday, April 11th. Students may wear jeans on this day for \$1.00.
- **Bake Sale** hosted by 5th and 6th Grade will be held Thursday, April 11th. Bring some money and enjoy some tasty snacks and treats during recess.
- **DC/NY Trip Interest Meeting** will be held for current 7th and 6th grade families in the 8th grade classroom on Thursday, April 11th at 6:00 P.M.
- **School Liturgy** will be Friday, April 12th at 8:10 A.M. Students must be in liturgy dress.
- **I.C.S.L. Track & Field Meet** will be this Saturday, April 13th at Aquinas High School. The event is scheduled to begin at 8:00 A.M. Come out and cheer on our Saints to victory!
- **Priority Registration ends on Monday, April 15th.**
- **First Communion Retreat** will be held on Monday, April 15th during school hours.
- **No Shorts** from Monday, April 15th-Wednesday, April 17th in observance of Holy Week.
- **Spirit Shirt Tuesday** on Tuesday, April 16th. Students may wear their Spirit Shirt with uniform bottoms on this day.
- **Easter Egg Hunt for grades TK- 3rd on Wednesday, April 17th. Be on the lookout for our special guest!**
- **Stations of the Cross** will be on Wednesday, April 17th in the church at 9:00 A.M. Please come join us as our 8th grade class leads us through the Passion of our Lord.
- **Minimum Day** on Wednesday, April 17th. Dismissal will be at 11:50 A.M. **No After Care on this day.**
- **California Pizza Kitchen Dine-Out** will be on Wednesday, April 17th. Please see attached flyer for more details.
- **Easter Vacation** begins on Holy Thursday, April 18th. School will resume on Monday, April 29th. **Have a Happy Easter and enjoy your family time!**

2019-2020 Registration

Registration for the new school year began Monday April 1st. There will be a strict priority window available to current families for two weeks only. The office is hard at work at transitioning to a new registration process that will be online. This will make registration from year to year easier for our families. **All families must register online using your Gradelink login information. Please contact office with questions.** We thank you in advance for your patience.

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.***

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.**

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.**

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.



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