



One Spirit,

One Community

October 17, 2018
Parent Newsletter

Excellence in Education, Body, Mind, & Spirit

Upcoming Events

- **Great Shake Out** will take place on Thursday, October 18th at 10:18 A.M. Our school will participate in this state wide disaster drill.
- **School Liturgy** on Friday, October 19th at 8:10 A.M. Students must be in Liturgy dress.
- **SCA Volleyball A Team** will have their game on Saturday, October 20th at 9:00 A.M. The game will be held at Notre Dame High School.
- **SCA Volleyball B Team** will have their game on Saturday, October 20th at 12:00 P.M. The game will be held at Notre Dame High School.
- **Wear Pink** on Monday, October 22nd for \$1.00. Money collected will be donated to a Cancer Charity.
- **Catholic Charities School Counseling** is available to students on Tuesday, October 23rd from 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. A consent form is required.
- **Baseball Dress for \$1.00** will take place on Thursday, October 25th. Dress up in your favorite baseball jersey or t-shirt and/or wear your favorite hat for only \$1.00. Proceeds will go towards SCA Athletics.

STAR Testing Reports

Going home in today's yellow envelope are 2 copies of all of the STAR testing reports for your child(ren). One copy is for you to keep. Please sign each page of the highlighted set(s) and return in the envelope tomorrow. These reports give you an indication of how your child performed on the day of the test. We look at 3 or more tests over the year to monitor progress. The STAR Reading information will be used to guide your child(ren) in the library for checking out books at their independent reading level. Starting next trimester, your child will take an accelerated reading quiz after each book read. If you have any questions about the reports, please feel free to contact your homeroom teacher.

There are 3 STAR assessments: Early Literacy is taken in Kindergarten through 3rd grade; Reading is taken 1st through 8th grade; Math is taken 1st through 8th.

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

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.

Spirit Shirt Tuesday

Every Tuesday, students may wear their school spirit shirt with uniform bottoms. Our 2018-2019 Super Spirit Shirts have arrived. They went home with students last Friday. We have very few shirts available for purchase in the school office. If you didn't get last year's *Wizard of Oz* themed spirit shirt, we still have a few available for sale in the office, at a discounted price.

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.

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.***

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.

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.**

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.**

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.**

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.

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.**

Bishop's Golf Classic Car Raffle

Win a 2019 Ford Mustang! Bishop's Golf Classic Car Raffle tickets are now available for pick up in the school office. Please remember that each family is obligated to sell (or purchase) ten tickets. Ticket money must be returned to the school office no later than Monday, November 12th. A couple of years ago one of our families won the Ford Mustang. This year it could be you!

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.*

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