



One Spirit,

One Community

**November 7, 2018
Parent Newsletter**

Happy November!

Excellence in Education, Body, Mind, & Spirit

Upcoming Events

- **School Liturgy** on Friday, November 9th at 8:10 A.M. Students must be in Liturgy Dress.
- **Catholic Charities School Counseling** is available to students on Tuesday, November 13th from 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. A consent form is required.
- **Jeans 4 Jesus** on Thursday, November 8th. Students may wear jeans for \$1.00.
- **Bake Sale** on Thursday, November 8th hosted by 3rd Grade and 5th Grade.
- **SCA Football** team will play on Saturday, November 10th at 9:00 A.M. The game will be held at Aquinas High School.
- **School Mass** will be on Sunday, November 11th at 10:15 A.M. Students who attend in liturgy dress may enjoy free dress privileges on Monday, November 12th.
- **Witches Brew Free Dress** will be on Wednesday, November 14th.
- **Panera Dine-Out** will be on Wednesday, November 14th. Please see enclosed flyer for more details.
- **Athletics Football Free Dress** will be on Thursday, November 15th for only \$1.00. Students may wear their favorite football jersey or t-shirt on this day. Please keep free dress within school dress code guidelines.
- **Minimum Day** on Friday, November 16th. Dismissal will be at 11:50 A.M. **No After Care.**
- **Thanksgiving Break** will be November 19th through November 23rd. School will resume on Monday, November 26th.
- **Book Fair** begins on Monday, November 26th. All muggles are welcome.
- **Minimum Day** on Thursday, November 29th and Friday, November 30th. Dismissal at 11:50 A.M. No After Care.
- **Student-Teacher-Parent Conferences** will be held Thursday, November 29th and Friday, November 30th.
- **8th Grade Raffle** will be held on Thursday, November 29th and Friday, November 30th.

Opportunity Raffle

Opportunity Raffle Drawing winners are pulled the first Monday of every month during Assembly. Make sure to turn in your tickets (and buy extras for more chances). Congratulations to our Opportunity Raffle winners for the month of November.

Danny Saldana - \$100.00

Rudd - \$100.00

Teresa McCarron - \$50.00

Just Like Jesus

The following students have been seen on campus during the month of October being *Just Like Jesus*. They have received a certificate from a staff member and a prize from Mr. Landin.

Joseph Serna - Seventh Grade

Samantha Salazar - Fourth Grade

Calista Constantino - Sixth Grade

Serena Waked - Sixth Grade

Hector Rodriguez - Seventh Grade

Adam Daza - Fourth Grade

Daniel Iha - Sixth Grade

Vittoria Michel - Second Grade

Aydan Guzman - Fourth Grade

Catalina McCarron - Sixth Grade

Zoe Vanhorne - Transitional Kindergarten

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.

Spirit Shirt Tuesday

Every Tuesday, students may wear their school spirit shirt with uniform bottoms. Our 2018-2019 Super Spirit Shirts have arrived. 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.***

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.**

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.***

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.**

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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!

