



One Spirit,

One Community

May 1, 2019
Parent Newsletter

Excellence in Education, Body, Mind, & Spirit

Upcoming Events

- **Spring Concert** will be this Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00 P.M. in the Notre Dame High School Gym. Please see attached flyer for more details. **No After Care.**
- **School Liturgy (with Grandparents)** on Friday, May 3rd at 8:10 A.M. Students must be in liturgy dress.
- **Grandparents' Day Concert** will be this Friday, May 3rd at 10:00 A.M. in the Notre Dame High School Gym. Please see attached flyer for more details.
- **Scholastic Book Fair** began Monday, April 29th and will end on Friday, May 3rd. Please see attached fliers for more details
- **Minimum Day** on Friday, May 3rd. Dismissal will be at 11:50 A.M. **No After Care.**
- **First Communion** for 3rd grade will be this Saturday, May 4th at 2:00 P.M.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week** is May 6th-May 10th. Make sure to let your teacher know what a positive difference she/he makes in your life.
- **School Board Meeting** on Monday, May 6th at 6:30 P.M. Meeting will be held in the Conference Room.
- **Spirit Shirt Tuesday** on May 7th. Students may wear their spirit shirt with uniform bottoms.
- **Knott's Berry Farm Concert & Field Trip** for 4th Grade – 8th Grade on Tuesday, May 7th.
- **Festival Committee Meeting** on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30 P.M. Meeting will be held in the Conference Room.
- **Jeans 4 Jesus** on Thursday, May 9th. Students may wear jeans to school on this day for \$1.00.
- **Bake Sale** on Thursday, May 9th hosted by the Kindergarten and 4th Grade. Bring some money and enjoy some sweet treats and snacks at recess.
- **Mixed Bag Fundraiser** is currently underway and will run through Friday, May 10th. Stop by the office to check out samples and to pick up extra order forms.
- **STAR Testing** began Monday, April 29th and will end on Friday, May 10th. Please make every effort to have your student at school during this testing window.

Lifetouch Pictures

Please don't forget to pay for your Spring Pictures at mylifetouch.com. There are special offers available when you pay online.

Water Bottle Refill Station

A special thank you, to the Morrow Family, for donating a filtered drinking fountain/water bottle refill station to our school. Also a special thank you to the Calderon Family, for installing the unit outside of 1st Grade in our quad area.

2019-2020 Registration

Registration is now open for new and returning families. Priority registration is now over. The new registration process is 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.

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.

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.***

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.

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.**

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.**

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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