



*One Spirit,*

*One Community*

**February 6, 2019**

**Parent Newsletter**

Celebrate Black History Month!

*Excellence in Education, Body, Mind, & Spirit*

## **Upcoming Events**

- **Jeans 4 Jesus** on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Students may wear their jeans for \$1.00 on this day.
- **Bake Sale** will be hosted by 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Mandatory 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Reconciliation Meeting** on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade classroom at 5:30 P.M.
- **No School** on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will be attending a diocesan wide In-service Day.
- **SCA 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Soccer** game will be Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. The game will be held at Aquinas High School.
- **SCA 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer** game will be Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. The game will be held at Aquinas High School.
- **SCA Boys A Basketball** game will be Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M. The game will be held at Norte Dame High School.
- **SCA Girls B Basketball** game will be Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 P.M. The game will be held at Norte Dame High School.
- **SCA 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer** game will be Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M. The game will be held at Aquinas High School.
- **SCA Boys B Basketball** game will be Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M. The game will be held at Aquinas High School.
- **SCA School Mass** will be held on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 A.M. Students who attend in school liturgy dress will receive free dress privileges on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **Spirit Shirt Tuesday** on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Students may wear their Spirit Shirt with uniform bottoms on this day.
- **Prospective Family Meeting** will be held Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall. If you know of any family who is interested in the best Catholic Education in the Inland Empire, please refer them to this event. They will have an opportunity to ask questions, meet the principal, meet teachers, and take a campus tour.

## Just Like Jesus

The following students have been caught on campus acting *Just Like Jesus* during the month of January. Thank you for being such great examples.

Brandon Ramirez – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Julie McCarron – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Maggie Licea – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Adam Daza – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://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.

## 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](http://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.*

## 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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