

# CATHEDRAL NEWS

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## CALENDAR REMINDERS

**NOV 24**  
**11:30AM DISMISSAL**  
**NO EXTENDED CARE**

**NOV 25 & 26**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**THANKSGIVING BREAK**

**NOV 28**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**NOV 29**  
**BREAKSIDE BREWERY**  
**GIVE BACK NIGHT 4-8PM**

**DEC 2 & 3**  
**WREATH SALE PICK UP**

**DEC 3**  
**11:30AM DISMISSAL**  
**EXTENDED CARE OPEN**

**DEC 5**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## THANK YOU + HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Dear Cathedral Community,

A final thank you for making our virtual Celebrate Cathedral event a success! We are still waiting on a few company matches, however, to date, we have raised **\$95,696!**

Our Cathedral Community really showed up and we are so appreciative of your donations and support. Additionally, company matches were at an all-time high, and we are so thankful for those that took the time to make this happen. We are well on our way to meeting our fundraising goal for the year and that is because of YOU!

Thank you to the Development team as well as Kiki and Jake Hanover for their hard work on the Celebrate Cathedral videos, they were fantastic! And thank you to the parents, students and staff who lent their time and thoughts to the videos.

I would also like to thank all those who donated to the Food Drive (4th and 5th grade service project this month). We donated 1,075 lbs of food to Lift Up Portland!

As we look forward to Thanksgiving, we are incredibly thankful for our Cathedral community and beyond blessed for our teachers, staff, students and parents. We pray that our Cathedral community has a safe and healthy Thanksgiving and we look forward to a blessed holiday season.

Thank you & God bless,

*Amy Biggs, Principal*

## Christmas Program Update

Due to COVID, we are **not able to safely host the Christmas program this year**. This decision was not made lightly as the Christmas Program is a highlight of our school year, but we could not in good faith move forward with this large indoor gathering. Additionally, we have been advised by the ODE and the OHA to limit large school gatherings in-person to the extent possible throughout November and December.

While we understand that this might be a big disappointment to all, you can look forward to a spring concert at our April in Paris(h) event in which Mrs. Goodwin will be showcasing all of the students. More information to come!



## FACTS Tuition Assistance

**FACTS tuition assistance applications** are now open for the 2022-2023 School year. Applications must be received by January 31st if you would like to be considered for Cathedral School tuition assistance for the 2022-2023 school year. To qualify for tuition assistance you must be Catholic and an active member of St. Mary's Cathedral. [Apply here!](#)



Welcome



## Quarantine Update From OHA

As of November 18, 2021, the **Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19** investigative guidelines for unvaccinated close contacts who attend or work in the K-12 setting state that they:

- Should quarantine for seven (7) days.
- Should seek testing between five and seven (5-7) days following their last exposure.
- If the close contact has a negative result on a test collected between days five and seven (5-7) by antigen or PCR test they may return to normal activities on day eight (8).
- Close contacts should continue to monitor themselves for symptoms through the 14 days after their last exposure.

Previous guidance regarding vaccinated close contacts remains in place. Vaccinated persons with an exposure to someone with COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they are fully vaccinated and remain symptom free following the actual COVID-19 exposure. More information can be found [here](#).



## Accepting Applications for 2022 - 2023

We are accepting **applications for the 2022-2023 school year**. Be sure to let your friends, family, and colleagues know that now is the time to submit applications for all grades. Applications can be found on our home page [here](#).

Additionally, **all siblings of current students who will be entering Cathedral School next year must submit an application**. Please take a moment to fill out the online application to ensure their spot for next year.



## Catholic Identity: Reconciliation

Last week our second graders celebrated their first reconciliation. The sacrament of Reconciliation is a sacrament in which the priest, as the agent of God, forgives sins committed after Baptism, when the sinner is heartily sorry for them, sincerely confesses them, and is willing to make satisfaction for them.

By his death on the Cross, Jesus Christ redeemed man from sin and from the consequences of his sin, especially from the eternal death that is sin's due.

Congratulations second grade!



## Honored Cougars

Students are given "Honored Cougar" tickets throughout the school day from teachers and staff for showing positive behavior. Each Friday, the tickets get entered into a drawing for special recognition.

### Congratulations to our Honored Cougars last week!

James in PK, Bobby in K, Jack H. in 1st, Coco in 2nd, Raphael in 3rd, Zdenek in 4th, Oliver in 5th, Eden in 6th, Timmy in 7th and Ethan in 8th grade.

### Congratulations to our Honored Cougars this week!

Elegance in PK (not pictured), Charlie in K, Max T. in 1st, Poppy in 2nd, Olivia M. in 3rd, Harper in 4th, Elliot in 5th, Titan in 6th (not pictured), Francesca in 7th and Kyle in 8th grade.



## Save the Date: Give Back Night at Breakside

Join us on **Monday, November 29th from 4-8pm at Breakside Brewery** (1570 NW 22nd Ave, Portland). Breakside will be donating a portion of sales to Cathedral School! More information to come from the Development Team.

Special thank you to Jen and Scott Lawrence!



## Faith in Action: December Service Projects

In December, our 8th grade class will be working with the Blanchett House to create winter care kits for those in need. Students are asked to bring in rain ponchos, emergency blankets, hand warmers, adult-size clean socks, knit hats, gloves, small packages of bath wipes, and individually wrapped soft snacks.

Additionally, the Kindergarten class will be making holiday gift bags for children at the Mother and Child Education Center.

Look for further details next week from your teachers on how you can help!

**HOW-TO MAKE A WINTER CARE KIT**

Each gallon-size plastic bag should include:

- 1. RAIN PONCHO**  
One compact, folded rain poncho.
- 2. EMERGENCY BLANKET**  
One compact thermal blanket.
- 3. HAND WARMERS**  
One package of hand warmers.
- 4. SOCKS, HAT, OR GLOVES**  
One pair of adult-size socks. You can also include a warm hat or gloves.
- 5. WRAPPED SNACK**  
Must be easy to chew.
- 6. HYGIENE ITEM(S)**  
One or more of each, in their original packaging:
  - Hand sanitizer
  - Lotion
  - Wet wipes or bath wipes
  - Cotton swabs
  - Antiseptic or antibiotic ointment

**HOW TO DROP OFF CARE KITS**

DAYS: Mon - Sat  
HOURS: 8:30-10:30 a.m. or 3:00-6 p.m. (Please avoid dropping off during meal times.)  
WHERE: 215 The Blaine St. Park Out Front. Drop off here and we will come out to your car to get the bags.

Thank you for helping us provide help to our community. Questions? [BlanchettHouse.org/CareKits](#)

All items can be purchased from our Amazon wish list.

## Wreath Sale Pick up & Volunteers Needed

**Wreath sale items can be pick up** on December 2nd from 2:30PM - 6:30PM and December 3rd from 8:00AM - 5:30PM in the undercover area at Cathedral School. Volunteers are still needed and you can sign up in Volgistics [here](#). Thank you!



## Carline & Traffic on 17th & Couch

Some of our older students who are getting picked up outside of carline specifically on 17th and Couch need to be careful when crossing the street. There are many blind spots due to the congestion and cars not picking up from Cathedral School do not know there are children crossing.

We also can NOT block cars on 17th as well. Parents are illegally parked and are blocking cars that are coming up from Burnside on 17th. Please proceed with caution if you are picking up this way as we suggest you use the carline or park in the parking lot.



## Community Corner

Come support two of our Cathedral students (Maddie in 4th grade and Vienna in 7th grade) performing in Cinderella! This traditional British panto production will be running the two weekends before Christmas. Panto is very popular in the UK over the holiday season. It is fun, funny and interactive with lots of jokes and popular songs. It appeals to all ages and we sold out all our shows in 2018 and 2019.

To learn more about the show and to buy tickets please visit [www.portlandpantoplayers.com](http://www.portlandpantoplayers.com). Use promo code "Maddie" to get discounted tickets. If you are interested in a group rate (10 or more), please contact Jane Clark at [janeclark4022@gmail.com](mailto:janeclark4022@gmail.com).



Performances are at 11:00am and 3:00pm December 11, 12, 18 and 19th with a 7:30pm show on December 17th at the Alberta Abbey Theater in NE Portland. Please note COVID polices are well. Thank you for your support!

## Hot Lunch in January

We would love to resume hot lunch in January. In order to bring hot lunch back, we would need vaccinated volunteers from 11am - 1pm every Friday. If we can get enough of a volunteer commitment for Friday's, we can work on adding Mondays back as well. Please email Mrs. Hatley at [shatley@cathedral-or.org](mailto:shatley@cathedral-or.org) with the Friday date(s) you are available to serve hot lunch. We will need at least two volunteers for every Friday we have school from January 7th through June 10th.

Volunteers must also have completed CASE training and background checks.

