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CALENDAR REMINDERS

AUG 29 - SEPT 2
STAFF/TEACHER IN-SERVICE
WEEK

SEPT 6
9:00AM ROOM PARENT MTG.
10:00AM CASE TRAINING
10-12PM MEET YOUR TEACHER
AND BRING YOUR SCHOOL
SUPPLIES
1:00PM CASE TRAINING
1-3PM MEET YOUR TEACHER
AND BRING YOUR SCHOOL
SUPPLIES

SEPT 7
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!
8:00AM PARENT BACK TO
SCHOOL COFFEE IN THE
UNDERCOVER AREA

SEPT 9
8:30AM MASS, LEAD BY 8TH
GRADE
RUN FOR CATHEDRAL KICK
OFF
5:30PM - 7:30PM BACK TO
SCHOOL BBQ

BACK TO SCHOOL INFO

Dear Cathedral Community,

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer! With two and a half weeks left of summer, we wanted to make sure you had some important dates and information before school starts.

The office is open and we are busy getting ready for students to return.

We are planning on returning to school on Wednesday, September 7, "business as usual." We ask that if your child is sick you keep them home. We also encourage you to test at home if you show symptoms. If you do test positive for COVID, please contact Mrs. Hatley and she will let you know when your child can return to school.

As we celebrate 125+ years since Cathedral Schools founding and look back at all that we have created and the amazing accomplishments of our students and community, we can't help but be hopeful for the future. For Cathedral School, the outlook couldn't be brighter!

We look forward to an exciting 2022-2023 school year with our incredible Cathedral community. We can't wait to see you on Tuesday, September 6 for "Meet your teacher and school supply drop off"!

Thank you & God bless,

Amy Biggs, Principal

Volunteers & CASE Trainings

All Cathedral School volunteers must complete safety training each year. New volunteers must complete a background check and attend a CASE training session. To request a background check, email Mrs. Hatley at shatley@cathedral-or.org.



Upcoming CASE Training sessions:

- September 6 – 10AM and 1PM
- September 13 – 7:45AM
- September 20 – 7:45AM
- September 27 – 7:45AM
- September 28 – 6:30PM

If you are a returning parent who has already completed CASE Training you will need to complete the “Social Media Safety” course. We have included an information sheet in the packet with how to log into the course. We ask that you complete this training as soon as possible.

Uniform Expectations

All students must be well groomed and present themselves in a manner consistent with and respectful and reverent of our Catholic learning environment. Please take a moment to review our [uniform expectations](#) and pay close attention to the following:

- Hair must be clean, groomed, well maintained, and retain the child’s natural hair color. Distracting hair such as bleach, dye, or streaked hair is not allowed.
- Glitter, feathers, hair extensions or color enhancements of any kind are prohibited.
- Boys’ hair length must be out of their eyes and above the collar of their shirt.
- Nail polish, if worn, must be clear.
- Skirt lengths must be no more than three inches above the knee. This will be strictly enforced, and we ask parents for their help with this.



[Dennis Uniform](#) is the official uniform vendor for Cathedral School. Last year we shared the two-year plan to phase out Land’s End and make Dennis Uniform the official uniform vendor for Cathedral School. New uniforms can no longer be purchased from Land’s End. However, items you already own (shirts, sweatshirts, shorts and pants only) may be worn for the 2022 – 2023 school year. We will no longer have Land’s End available in the uniform exchange. For the 2023 – 2024 school year, we will be exclusive with Dennis Uniform and logo’s will be required on all shirts.

We also have samples of all sizes of uniforms in the office as well as a few items in the uniform exchange. Parents are invited to donate any clean, gently used uniform clothing. All families are invited to take whatever they reasonably need any any time during the school year.

Extended Care

Extended Care is available on school days both before and after school. Morning Care is open 7:00 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. and After School Care is open from the end of the school day to 5:30 p.m.

Daily Rate:

Morning Care \$6.00

After School Care \$18.00

Full Day Care \$24.00 (includes Morning and After School Care)

Half-Day After School Care \$30.00



A yearly non-refundable registration fee is charged for all students attending Extended Care and is billed to your FACTS account.

First Child \$50, Additional Child \$25, Family Maximum \$100

An extended care form will be given to you in your back to school packet. If you are unsure if your child(ren) will attend Extended Care, do not submit the form at this time. Students can be registered for Extended Care at any time during the school year.

Carline & Drop off/Pick up Reminders

- Use Davis street to enter carline. When entering from Davis and 18th Avenue, the last car in carline can not be beyond the entrance to the church parking lot. Pull into the church parking lot and form a line for carline. As the cars move up Davis, you can pull out of the church parking lot and into carline.
- Vehicles in carline must never stop traffic on 18th Avenue.
- Left turns are not allowed from Davis onto 17th (into the entrance of the school). If you are approaching the school on Davis from 16th you will need to circle around and enter 17th from the west.
- Pull up as far as possible to the vehicle in front of you in order to accommodate as many cars in the line as possible. Do not load or unload children until you are at the designated location by one of the drop off cones.
- Please remain alert and focused on your surroundings during carline. Refrain from cell phone use and other distractions. Small children can be unpredictable and it only takes a moment of distraction for a tragedy to occur. Staying focused on carline also helps keep the line moving.
- If you are a middle school student without siblings in the lower grades, you can get dropped off on NW Couch Street near the front of the school and walk to the front entrance or pedestrian gate depending on which entrance you use.
- If you want your child to walk after school, please alert your teacher immediately and let them know.
- If walking, use the pedestrian gate. Do not walk through the large gates through cars in carline. If dropping off, you can walk to the courtyard door, if picking up, wait for your child to be dismissed from their teacher.
- Finally, car decals will be given out in your back to school packets. Please make sure to put them on the back left side of your car. It is important for all cars parked in the parking lot to have a decal. The parking lot is monitored by St. Mary's Cathedral Parish and cars will be towed if they do not have a decal displayed. If you need more decals, please contact Mrs. Hatley.



First Day of School

We are excited to welcome everyone back to school on **Wednesday, September 7 at 8AM**. Morning supervision begins at 7:50AM on the playground/undercover area. Doors open at 8AM. The late bell rings at 8:10AM. Please arrive early and allow time for parking/traffic as the first few days of school can be a bit hectic.

You are welcome to park on the street or in the parking lot and walk your child(ren) to the playground door. Saying goodbye at the door allows our students to be more engaged and focused on beginning the school day. After your goodbyes at the door, teachers are waiting at the classroom doors to greet and welcome each student to start their day on a positive note.

A reminder that all students enter the building in the morning and exit the building in the afternoon from the playground door. The front entrance of the school is only used by visitors, students arriving late, or students that are being picked up early.

Additionally, the Parent Association will host a back to school coffee for parents at 8AM on the playground under the covered area.



Openings at Cathedral School

We have openings in a few grades, and are actively looking to **fill spots in Pre-Kindergarten, Second grade and Sixth grade for the 2022-2023 school year**.

Word of mouth continues to be one of our most successful marketing tools and we ask that you talk to your friends and encourage them to apply. The application process is very easy (there is no charge to apply) and can all be done on our website via the 'Apply Today' button on the top right-hand corner. We are also giving tours during the summer.



Did you know?

There are many businesses who provide simple ways to give back to Cathedral School!

Cans for Cathedral

Bring your recycle cans and bottles in the blue bags to the undercover area and we will bring them to our local [Oregon BottleDrop!](#) Blue bags were in your back to school packets and are also available in the office, please contact Mrs. Hatley for assistance.



amazon smile



Supporting charity is easier with AmazonSmile in the app

With every eligible purchase, AmazonSmile donates 0.5% to Cathedral School – same products, same prices, no cost to you.

AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is available on the app and super easy to get on your phone! For every eligible purchase from Amazon, AmazonSmile donates 0.5% to Cathedral School. Download or update the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app and in "Settings" tap on "AmazonSmile".

Fred Meyer

Fred Meyer contributes a percentage of your purchase when you connect your Rewards account to Fred Meyer Community Rewards. To designate Cathedral School as your Community Rewards recipient go to www.fredmeyer.com and sign in to your Rewards account. Click on Community rewards, and add Cathedral School using #AD526.



Mass

We encourage our families to attend **mass at St. Mary's Cathedral**. The mass schedule is as follows: Monday 5:30 PM, Tuesday - Saturday 7:30am, Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm and Sunday: 7:30; 9:00; & 11:00am Mass

Confessions are as follows: Monday 4:00-5:15 PM, Saturday 4:00-5:15 PM and the first Saturday after 7:30am Mass

Additionally, students attend mass every Friday at 8:30AM. Parents are encouraged to attend!



Angelus

New this year: At 12:00PM every day, the St. Mary's Cathedral bells will ring and students will stop what they are doing and participate in the Angelus prayer. A copy of the prayer will be included in your back to school packet. It can also be found online under "Resources" on our website.



7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

The Archdiocese of Portland has moved the age of **confirmation down to 7th grade**, therefore, we are pleased to announce St. Mary's Cathedral will be offering a middle school confirmation preparation class! Sessions will take place on Wednesdays after school from 3:30-4:30PM in the school library beginning Wednesday September 14, 2022.

If you are interested in registering, please meet with Brigid Young in person before receiving a registration link. Appointments can be set up via email or phone - byoung@cathedralpdx.org or 503.770.4791.



CYO

Catholic Youth Organization offers three **different fall sports**: Volleyball for girls grades 3-8, Cross Country for boys and girls grades 3-8; and Hotshots Basketball for boys and girls in grades 1-2. Registration is open and can be found [here](#).

Scholarships are available, please reach out to Liz McDonald, CYO Athletic Director at cyo@cathedral-or.org for more information.

Sweatshirts: As we have in prior years, CYO will run their fundraiser to sell red and navy hooded Cathedral School sweatshirts at the end of the summer. These can be worn on non mass days. Be on the lookout for a link to order in late August. Cathedral CYO gets a percentage of all sales and this helps to fund our scholarships.

