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CALENDAR REMINDERS

DEC 5

HOT LUNCH - TERIYAKI CHICKEN

DEC 8

8:30AM FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION MASS, 7TH GRADE

DEC 9

HOT LUNCH - BELLAGIO'S PIZZA

DEC 12

HOT LUNCH - QUESADILLAS

DEC 2 - DEC 13

BRING IN YOUR DONATIONS FOR
THE 8TH GRADE FAITH IN ACTION
SERVICE PROJECT: CARE KITS

DEC 14

7PM, CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT
ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

DEC 15

TOKEN GOAL FREE DRESS
REPORT CARDS SENT HOME

DEC 16

8:30AM MASS, 6TH GRADE
10:30AM CHRISTMAS PARTIES
11:30AM DISMISSAL
NO P.M. EXTENDED CARE

ADVENT + CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Dear Cathedral Community,

Today marks the end of the first trimester at Cathedral School. It has been a wonderful three months, filled with learning, laughter, and community. I am so grateful for our Cathedral community and it has been a joy to interact with all of you whether it be during the day at school or at one of our special events. Our Cathedral community is so special and unique and I am so grateful for all of our families.

The holidays are upon us and we are helping the students to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus through special Advent activities and prayer.

We invite you all to join us next Thursday, December 8th at 8:30am for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception mass, as well as, our annual Christmas concert on Wednesday, December 14th at 7pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. Mrs. Goodwin and our students are working very hard to create a very special show and we look forward to being able to gather together for this very special Cathedral School tradition that we have so missed the last few years.

We also ask that you help our Eighth grade class with their Faith-in-Action service project this month, making care kits for the Blanchet House and those in need.

Finally, as we prepare for Christmas and the last two weeks of school, we pray for our Cathedral community that you may find the strength you need to continue moving toward the light of God in the year to come!

Thank you & God bless,

Amy Biggs, Principal

Uniform Expectations & New Communication Process

Beginning December 1, we implemented a new home/school communication process for students that are out of uniform in all grades.

Our new home/school uniform expectation communication will be as follows:

- Classes will receive a token each morning when the whole class is in uniform. (The intent behind giving tokens is to reward respectful, responsible and safe behavior as an entire class.)
- If a student has a uniform infraction, a purple half sheet of paper will come home explaining the uniform infraction and will require a parent signature.
- After the first infraction, depending on the age, the consequences will vary and be age appropriate. Examples include parent communication, phone calls home, missed recess, students sent to the office to borrow an item for the day (longer skirt, belt), etc.

We are asking parents for help in ensuring that all students are abiding by the uniform guidelines. Teachers should not have to take time from instruction to enforce uniform expectations. We ask parents to take an active role in enforcing proper uniform expectations at home prior to arriving at school.



Christmas Concert

Please join us on Wednesday, December 14 at 7pm for the return of our annual Christmas concert at St. Mary's Cathedral! This beloved tradition features a performance from each class (Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth grade) as well as the Cathedral School choir. Students have been working incredibly hard for the past two months and are excited to share their music with you and the entire Cathedral School community.



Your child will meet their classroom teacher in the church by 6:40pm. Students will sit as a class during the performance and be released to parents at the conclusion of the show. The student attire for this event is semi-formal – meaning holiday dresses, slacks, dress shirts and neatly combed hair. Please no jeans. Skirt lengths must adhere to the normal Cathedral School expectations.

Snow Policy

A reminder that we follow Portland Public Schools for closures and late arrivals. If there is a late arrival there will be no morning care. All local news stations provide closure information both on air and online. PPS also posts on their website and twitter. When school is closed there are no before or after school activities, including CYO practices. For CYO game cancellations please contact your coach.



Accepting Applications for 2023-2024

We are **accepting applications for the 2023-2024** 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.



Tuition Assistance

The application process for tuition assistance began on **November 1st for the 2023-2024 school year**. Applications must be submitted by [February 1, 2023](#).

Apply online via **FACTS**. In order to qualify for tuition assistance, applicants must be Catholic and an active member of St. Mary's Cathedral parish or another parish.

Welcome Grant & Aid Applicant



Faith-in-Action: Care Kits for Blanchet House

Join the Eighth graders in supporting the Blanchet House this Christmas season. The Blanchet House is a non-profit social services organization located in downtown Portland that provides food, clothing, and housing programs to people in need.

The **Eighth graders will be making Care Kits** for those in need and they need your help! Care Kits are designed to contain a few essential items that can greatly help someone without shelter during the different seasons.

We ask that [each student](#) bring in the item as stated below:

- Pre-Kindergarten - 1x three pack of large adult socks
- Kindergarten - Sack Project
- 1st grade - 3 bars of individually wrapped regular sized soaps
- 2nd grade - 2 boxes of granola bars
- 3rd grade - 3 travel size lotions each
- 4th grade - 3 packs of travel size wet wipes (approx. 30 count per pkg)
- 5th grade - 2 travel size 30 count cotton swabs
- 6th grade - 3 lips balms each
- 7th grade - 1 box of medium or large band aids
- 8th grade - 2 rain poncho's each

Donations can be delivered to the classrooms up until December 12th.

Care Kits will be assembled on Wednesday, December 14 and delivered to Blanchet House.



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!

Oliver in PK, Lena in K, Ingrid in 1st (not pictured), Parker 2nd, Charlotte in 3rd, Ella in 4th, Owen in 5th, Claire in 6th, Jack P. in 7th and Holly in 8th grade.

Congratulations to our Honored Cougars this week!

Florence in PK, Sierra in K, Klara in 1st, Jack H. in 2nd, Kees in 3rd, Effie in 4th, Zdenek in 5th, Vittoria in 6th, Titan in 7th and Jack in 8th grade.



Save the Date: Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is January 29 – February 3, 2023.

- We will kick off Catholic Schools week with our Catholic School's week family mass on **Sunday, January 29 at 9am**. Immediately following mass, all parents are invited to a classroom showcase from 10-11am. This will give families the opportunity to see some of the fun projects that students have been working on as well as give prospective families an additional opportunity to tour the school.
- **NEW DATE & time: On Tuesday, January 31**, we will host our annual Grandparents and Special Friends Breakfast from 7:45-9:00am, followed by a special mass at 9:00am with Bishop Smith. Look for more information in our newsletter as well as from teachers.
 - A reminder that First and Fifth grade parents are assigned to volunteer for the Grandparents and Special Friends Breakfast. Volunteer opportunities available in [Volgitics now](#).
- On **Thursday, February 2** we will have an all-school rosary with buddies at 8:30am and then our annual Talent show at 1:30pm and 6:30pm.
- **Friday, February 3** is a Faith Formation Day for teachers with no school and no extended care.

