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CALENDAR REMINDERS

**DEC 19 - JAN 2
CHRISTMAS VACATION**

**JAN 3
SCHOOL RESUMES**

**JAN 6
8:30AM MASS BY 5TH GRADE
HOT LUNCH - OLD SPAGHETTI
FACTORY**

**JAN 9
HOT LUNCH - SUBWAY**

**JAN 13
8:30AM MASS BY 4TH GRADE
HOT LUNCH - BURRITOS**

**JAN 16
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
NO SCHOOL**

**JAN 17
TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS**

**JAN 20
8:30AM MASS BY 3RD GRADE
11:30AM DISMISSAL
REGISTRATION FEE CHARGED**

MERRY CHRISTMAS + HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear Cathedral Community,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!!!

We have so enjoyed the last month preparing our students for the celebration of the birth of Jesus through special Advent activities and prayer.

Our teachers and staff have worked extremely hard to ensure that our students continue to receive a quality Catholic education focused on Faith, Service and Knowledge as well as exceeding grade level standards in math and reading. Both Cathedral School's reading and math scores continue to be well above the Archdiocese average.

As we look forward to 2023, we remain committed to our mission of instilling a lifelong love for learning and a respect for each person and all creations as gifts of God.

We look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus and hope to see you at one of the Christmas masses at St. Mary's Cathedral.

We pray that our community has a safe, healthy and blessed Christmas and a prosperous 2023!

Thank you and God Bless,

Amy Biggs, Principal

Christmas Concert

Thank you to Mrs. Goodwin, Cathedral staff, and all of our students for a putting together the incredible Christmas Concert on Wednesday night! It was so wonderful to be able to gather together again after a three-year hiatus.

All the videos and pictures are [accessible here](#), enjoy!



St. Mary's Cathedral Christmas Services

Please join us at St. Mary's Cathedral for Christmas Services:

- **Christmas Eve** - 5pm and midnight
- **Christmas Day** - 7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am



Current Family Registration - January 20th

Cathedral Families will be charged the \$175 per student registration fee (non-refundable) on Friday, January 20, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year.

New this year, you will NOT be receiving a link to register. If any of your contact information has changed, please let Mrs. Hatley know as soon as possible. If you are not planning on returning for the 2023-2024 school year, please email Mrs. Biggs and Mrs. Hanover by January 13, 2023, to ensure that you are not charged.



Tuition Assistance Due February 1, 2023

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



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.



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!

Jake in PK, Lena in K, Bennett in 1st, James 2nd, Ruby in 3rd, Genevieve in 4th, Ava in 5th, Hudson in 6th (not pictured), Georgia in 7th and Rose in 8th grade.

Congratulations to our Honored Cougars this week!

Vivian in PK, Molly in K, Liam in 1st, Davis in 2nd, Jack C. in 3rd, Eley in 4th, Molly C. in 5th, Josie M. in 6th, Grier in 7th and Stella 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.



Faith-in-Service: Care Kits for Blanchet House

Thank you for your donations for the Eighth grade Faith-in-Service project this month! Students made over 60 care kits for the Blanchet House for those in need. We appreciate everyone's support!



From our Partners...

St. Mary's Academy - Upcoming Events

Below please find a few opportunities from St. Mary's Academy:

Girls Night Out at SMA – January 12, 4:30 – 6:30pm

Calling all 8th grade girls! Join us for “Girls Night Out.” Our students will be hosting a range of activities including a photobooth, ping pong, Just Dance, crafts, a nail salon, and more! You will experience the fun of an all-girls social and meet other 8th graders in Portland! This event is open to all 8th grade girls. Learn more and RSVP on the [St. Mary's website](#).



CYO Basketball Night at SMA – January 31, 7pm

Come watch the SMA Varsity basketball team take on Liberty HS for Basketball Night on Friday, January 31 at 7pm! Admission is FREE. Arrive early to participate in pre-game festivities beginning at 6:15pm. Wear your team jersey to show your spirit as you cheer on the Blues! [RSVP here](#).

Field trip/Theatre event - February 23, 10:30am

The St. Mary's Academy Theatre Department proudly presents *Into the Woods*! We would like to invite your 6th - 8th grade students to be a part of our preview audience on Thursday, February 23, 2023. Please arrive by 10:15am; the show will start promptly at 10:30am. For more info and to reserve seats email Kelsey.hui@smapdx.org before February 1.

University of Portland Basketball Clinics

University of Portland is hosting two basketball clinics on campus this holiday season!

- December 23rd from 9am-3pm - drills and skill work that we have our players do on a daily basis.
- January 2nd from 9am-3pm - similar format to the above except the kids will get a chance to watch the University of Portland basketball team practice in person that morning.

The cost is \$50 for each clinic and payment can be made via this link:

<https://square.link/u/Qujv8Yc2> for the December 23rd clinic and this link:

<https://square.link/u/YTtUFyP5> for the January 2nd clinic. Payment can also be made via cash or Venmo (@Tom-Primosch).

