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CALENDAR REMINDERS

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 DISMISSIAL 2023-2024 REGISTRATION FEE CHARGED

JAN 23 - JAN 27
PRE-KINDERGARTEN DIAPER
DRIVE

JAN 24
TALENT SHOW REHERSAL

JAN 29 - FEB 3
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

HAPPY NEW YEAR + CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Dear Cathedral Community,

Happy New Year!!!!!!

I would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year and hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break! We are excited to have the students back to school and looking forward to a great third trimester.

We are gearing up for a very busy Catholic Schools Week at the end of the month, (January 29 - February 3). We hope to see you all at the **Catholic Schools Week mass on Sunday**, **January 29 at 9:00am**. Immediately following mass we will have coffee and donuts in the courtyard of the school as well as a classroom showcase from 10–11am.

We are **accepting applications for the 2023 - 2024 school year** and we encourage you all to let friends, family, and colleagues know that now is the time to submit applications for all grades. Additionally, if you have a younger child who will be attending Cathedral next year please make sure and fill out an application as we are accepting students and filling up for next year.

Finally, if you are interested in **financial aid next year**, we encourage you to apply online as the deadline is fast approaching on February 1, 2023. If you have any questions please reach to to me directly.

Thank you and God Bless, Amy Biggs, Principal

Current Family Registration - January 20th

Cathedral Families will be charged the \$175 per student registration fee (nonrefundable) 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. We encourage you to apply! For questions regarding tuition assistance and qualifications, please reach out to Mrs. Biggs.





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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 this week!

Georgina in PK, Niko in K, Holland in 1st, Jack A. in 2nd, Kennedy in 3rd, Isabella in 4th, Maddie in 5th, Clara in 6th, Miles in 7th and Sophia in 8th grade.



Faith-in-Service: Pre-Kindergarten Diaper Drive

Our Pre-Kindergarten class is hosting a diaper drive, **January 23 - January 27**, benefiting the Mother & Child Education Center. Students are asked to bring in diapers of any size. Thank you for your support!



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.
- Celebrating our Students Monday, January 30: We will celebrate our students by hosting author, Aron Steinke. Mr. Steinke is a cartoonist and former elementary school teacher. He began making comics in 2006 with the help of a grant from the Xeric Foundation and never stopped. His wildly popular Mr. Wolf's Class follows the adventures of a class of anthropomorphic students and their teacher, who just so happens to be a wolf. The Chicago Public Library has consistently put Mr. Wolf's Class into their best books of fiction for younger readers.
- Celebrating the Family Tuesday, January 31 (new date and time): 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.
 - A reminder that First and Fifth grade parents are assigned to volunteer for the Grandparents and Special Friends Breakfast. Volunteer opportunities available in <u>Volgitics now</u>.
- Celebrating Vocations Wednesday, February 1: Parents, friends, clergy, and community partners of Cathedral School and Saint Mary's Cathedral will gather to talk to the students about their vocations, provide a corresponding activity/further discussion and answer any questions that the students might have.
- Celebrating our Community Thursday, February 2: We will have an all-school rosary with buddies at 8:30am in the gym and then our annual Talent show at 1:30pm and 6:30pm. Additionally, students and staff may dress down if they bring in a monetary donation for the Mother and Child Education Center. We are asking for a donation of \$1 for free dress (non-uniform) shirts and pants. Students' dress should adhere to our free dress policy in the Cathedral School handbook.
- Celebrating Faculty and Staff Friday, February 3: On this day, schools honor teachers, as well as administrators and staff who support teachers in their important work. Cathedral School will not have school or extended care on Friday, February 3. Teachers will gather with teachers from other Archdiocese schools at Saint Pius for a faith formation day.









