



St. CATHARINE
SCHOOL

IRISH INSIDER

AUGUST 14, 2019 VOL 2

UPCOMING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

August

- 20 - Open House: 1:30 - 3pm
- 20 - Ice Cream Social & Uniform Swap: 5 - 6:30pm
- 21 - First Day of School: 1pm Dismissal
- 21 - Morning Mixer: 8:15am
- 28 - Night at the Races Planning Meeting: 7pm

September

- 2 - Labor Day: No School
- 3 - Teacher in-Service: No School
- 4 - 6 Mohican Camp: Grade 6
- 5 - First Communion Parent Meeting: Lower Lever - 7:30pm



NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hard to believe that the next edition of this will be in your hands on the first day of school! As most of you are aware, this will be the year of flexibility as it pertains to our building project. We will stay in contact with you via email (School Speak) if there are changes in either drop off or pick up of students. These could change depending on where we are in terms of parking lot issues. As a reminder, Wednesday, August 21 is the first day of school with a 1:00 dismissal (no lunch served that day). In addition, we are reminding parents that you are welcome to join us for morning prayer on August 21 (Wednesday) and doughnuts and coffee in the cafeteria (following morning prayer).

We are also starting a new program with Food Service Solutions. There will be more details and parent information after this program completes set up. We are hopeful to start it on August 22 (the first day of cafeteria lunches). We already have in place the finger fob that students use when they move through the cafeteria lunch line. This is run by Food Service Solutions. Additional information on how parents sign up to use this company to directly deposit money to be used for school lunches and milk will be made available to our parents by Monday. All our high schools and many of the elementary schools are already using this program. On-line payment should make it easier for parents to monitor lunch accounts and easier for families to see when their child buys either lunch or milk. At this time, it will not be mandatory but certainly a service that many parents have asked for. Again, more information and directions on setting up your account will be available to you by Monday of next week.

SchoolSpeak

It's Time!!

It is now time for you to log into your School Speak account and update your demographic and emergency contact information for each of your students. The forms (Emergency and the Parent/Student Handbook Form) need to be electronically signed and dated EACH and EVERY school year even if the information does not change.

CAFETERIA

Welcome back to a new school year and some changes in the cafeteria. Peggy Hoffman will be our new cafeteria manager. We will be adding My School Account to our cafeteria. This will give families the ability to add funds to the cafeteria account and monitor the account balance. We also will be giving the 3rd through 8th grade students some choices. More information will be coming on the mentioned programs. The most important thing is we need volunteers to help make this a smooth transition. Please mail Peggy (phoffman3@cdeducation.org) with your availability.



SPICE



Back to School Morning Mixer

Wednesday, August 21th

after morning prayer

St. Catharine School Cafeteria

Please join us in the cafeteria for coffee and doughnuts. Meet new parents and catch up with those you haven't seen all summer. Stop by for ten minutes or an hour. Whether you're sad to see the school year start or rejoicing to see them back in school, we hope to see you there! (Younger children are welcome)

We need Parents or Grandparents who are familiar with the Parish or School to act as hosts/hostesses. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ann Krieger, bannart91@embarqmail.com or phone (740) 927-6835

Sponsored By S.P.I.C.E.

Special People in Catholic Education

HOME & SCHOOL

St Catharine Home and School Ice Cream Social and Uniform Swap

Tuesday, August 20th from 5:00pm to 6:30pm

Please join us for popsicles and build your own ice cream sundaes in front of the school. The uniform swap will take place inside the gym. Please bring clean, gently-used uniform items (shirts, blouses, pants, shorts, jumpers, approved cardigans and sweaters/sweatshirts, gym pants, and new logo gym shorts and shirts) to swap or purchase items at greatly-reduced prices.

For any questions or if you want to volunteer for the swap shop contact Kate Allewin at kateallwein@yahoo.com.



Night at the Races Planning Meeting

Do you like horse races and need volunteer hours for the upcoming school year? We need you! Please consider volunteering for this year's fall fundraiser Night at the Races Saturday, November 2nd. Our first meeting is Wednesday, August 28th from 7pm to 8pm in the undercroft. Hope to see you there! If you want to volunteer and can't make the meeting please contact Alysia Plank at alysia.plank@yahoo.com.



Fall Fundraiser - Mumkins

As a follow up to our successful spring flower sale, we are excited to introduce our Fall Mumkin Sale. Students will be selling mums in decorative pots to raise funds for our school. Look for more information to be sent home once the school year begins.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

We have had a successful summer raising funds for the new playound. We are approximately \$45,000 from goal. Please click [here](#) to check out the school website for all the details.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

You Can Now SCAN Your Box Tops!

Make sure you download the new app to be able to scan all your Box Tops for Education. Check out : <https://www.boxtops4education.com/> to find out more information. This is a simple way to earn fundraising dollars on items you already purchase.



PARISH

The Alpha Course

Questions about life? Next session begins Tuesday, September 10th

Register at <https://stcatharine.com/alpha>

The Alpha Course