

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are off to a great start at school this past week! Thank you to many of you who joined us for morning prayer on Wednesday. Schedules are working well and the cafeteria is up and running. Mrs. Hoffman (cafeteria manager) will continue to be open to changes and suggestions so if there are any concerns, please let us know. In addition, we sent home an application for Free and Reduced Lunches. If you feel that you might qualify, please complete the form and return directly to me in a sealed envelope.

August 28 (Wednesday) begins our weekly school Masses. Eighth grade will start off the year with their involvement in the music, readings, and serving of the Mass. We always welcome parents to join us for this 9:00 Mass on Wednesdays. Please remember that on Thursday evening (August 29) we will have our Curriculum Night. We are doing things a little differently this year. Instead of starting in the gym for general announcements, we are asking parents to move directly to classrooms. There will be three (3) sessions of information:

7:00 – 7:20

7:30 – 7:50

8:00 – 8:20

Doors to the school (front door and back school door by the gym) will open at 6:50 to allow the 7:00 presentation to start on time. Having three sessions should allow parents the time to see multiple teachers. In addition, Mrs. Stranges (library); Mrs. Carmon (Spanish Room); Mrs. Knox and Mrs. Kemp (Intervention but will be in the library for the evening); and Mrs. Green ((Technology Room and Algebra Room) will be available that evening. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, August 29.

Also a reminder that the Parent-Student Handbook is a good reference to review regarding school policies, information, and Dress Code. This Handbook (in addition to other information) was put on the school website this summer (www.stcatharineschool.com) The Parent Handbook can be found under the “Current Parent” tab.

Please also remember that we do not have school on Tuesday, September 3. All teachers throughout the Diocese will be meeting for a Professional Development Day.

-Janet Weisner



UPCOMING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



August

28 - Night at the Races Planning Meeting: 7pm

29 - Fingerprinting: Media Center - 5p - 7pm

29 - Curriculum Night: 7pm, 7:30pm, & 8pm

September

2 - Labor Day: No School

3 - Teacher in-Service: No School

4 - 6 Mohican Camp: Grade 6

5 - First Communion Parent Meeting: Lower Level - 7:30pm

10 - Home & School Meeting: Media Center - 6:00pm

10 - Advisory Board: Media Center: 7:00pm

12 - Confirmation Parent Meeting: Lower Level - 7:30pm



Please Update by 8/30

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. Currently, only 50% of our students' information has been updated, signed, and dated. Please review the dates and signatures of **EACH** of your students. If you are having trouble with this process, there is information on the website under Current Parents > SchoolSpeak

CAFETERIA

For the 2019- 2020 school year we are attempting to adhere more closely to government guidelines with regard to our school lunch program. For example, on Monday, students received 1 bosco sticks (recommended serving size) In years prior students received 2. If students would like an additional entree, they are available for purchase for \$1.00 and extra vegetable or fruit will be \$.50. I am aware that the students are also use to lettuce and tomatoes with the sandwiches. I will try to get that in the future. Make your student aware that they may see different quantities of products, as we are following the government standards. As I am made aware of the changes I will let you know. I appreciate your patience and understanding. Peggy Hoffman - Cafeteria Manager

HOME & SCHOOL

CAP - Creative Activities Program

Creative Activities Program (CAP) is in need of volunteers to help lead clubs for the fall sessions. Clubs are open to grades 1-8 and one day a week after school from approximately 3:00 to 4:00. The fall session dates are from Oct. 7 to Nov. 15. Please consider giving an hour per week on the day of your choice to lead a club. This would be a great way to earn volunteer hours and can be anything from Legos to gardening to science club. I am happy to help with any ideas and materials to get your club started. We also will reimburse you for all materials used.

Our students really enjoy participating in after school clubs but it is essential for parent involvement to keep these clubs going.

Please contact Jasmine Williams at

Jasmine.williams03@ymail.com by Sept. 27 if you are interested.

Potential ideas: Archery, Board games, Dodgeball, Lego (CAP has a large collection of Legos for use), Puzzles, Rocket Building/STEM, Sewing



Fall Fundraiser - Mumkins

Our Fall Mumkin Sale officially kicks off tomorrow. Students will be bringing home order forms and online ordering information. We are excited to announce that the proceeds from the sale will be used to support the new playground fund. Paper orders with payments are due Sept. 6 and online ordering ends Sept. 9. All orders can be picked up on Sept. 20 from 4:30p-9:00p.

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.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE



The Johnson's Playground Fundraiser has been rescheduled for TONIGHT, Wednesday, 8/28, 6-9pm, due to last night's storms. Please join us to see friends, eat ice cream, & help get the kids a playground! We are \$38K from reaching the goal to avoid cutting equipment from the new playground design. Don't forget to get your OSU Raffle Tickets...the drawing is Thursday, 8/29. Two (2) awesome prize packages to be given away!!

SCRIP

SCRIP is a program that allows families to save for school with daily purchases. Over the last 10 years our families have saved over \$300,000 in tuition and it just got easier. You can now use Credit Cards to pay for your SCRIP cards! Physical gift cards are available every full week of school, they are ordered on Monday and delivered to your students backpack on Friday morning of the same week. For example the first order week is August 26 the cards will be delivered on Friday, August 30. SCRIP NOW and Reload cards are available all the time regardless of the full week of school. Questions? Visit the SCRIP page on the St. Catharine School website or feel free to email at stcatharinetrip@yahoo.com or call Jeni Cooke 614-214-4070.



PARISH



VOLUNTEERING

Families are required to contribute to our school by sharing their time and talent. Each family is required to volunteer 50 hours a year. To volunteer you will need to attend a Protecting God's Children course and have your fingerprints on file. Click on this paragraph for more information. You will be able to have your fingerprints done on August 29 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, before the curriculum night. St Catharine Home & School will be providing this service at no cost to the parents.