From the Desk of Mr. Metz

Dear St. Catharine Parents,

- **Dec 6 Christmas Pageant**
  
  This year’s Christmas pageant will be on Wednesday December 11th at 7:00pm in the gymnasium. Please join us in a show of love and support for our young students. This will be a sure way to get into the holiday spirit.

- **Spelling Bee**
  
  This year’s spelling bee will be held on Tuesday December 17th at 10:00a.m. in the gym. The following students will be competing to possibly represent St. Catharine School in the regional spelling bee:
  
  4th grade: Ryliegh Acquah, Sophia Ray, Myawna Famble, and Wilson Silvestry  
  5th grade: Lulya Mussie, Akiyah Starks, Ransom Wright, and Simrona Dawit  
  6th grade: Sarah Blessing, Kaylynne Moore, Elijah Roedig, and Bailey Smyth  
  7th grade: Gillian Ray, Yared Misghina, Mary Kebede, and Isabella Clevenger  
  8th grade: Amanda Penson, Abby Dereje, Lap Nguyen, and Michael Spetz  
  
  Good luck to all our competitors.

- **Pancake Breakfast**
  
  Thank you for the great turnout for the pancake breakfast. We made over $600 to help offset the cost of camp for our 6th graders.

- **Report Cards**
  
  The first trimester report cards are being sent home today. Please review, sign, and return them as quickly as possible. Thanks!
• Mercy McAuley/LaSalle Vocal Ensemble Christmas Concert

Students from Mercy McAuley and LaSalle High Schools Vocal Ensembles will be performing for our students on Tuesday December 10th at 10:45 in the gymnasium. Each year these young men and women perform a very nice song and dance routine for our students. I feel this is a great way to introduce our students to the arts and hopefully encourage them to want to perform someday.

• Field Trip

Our Kindergarten, first, and second graders will be attending “A Charlie Brown Christmas” at the Taft Theater on Thursday December 12th. This field trip is funded by our PTA, just another example of the wonderful opportunities they provide for our students here at St. Catharine.

• Open House

St. Catharine School will be holding an open house on Sunday January 12th from Noon to 2:00p.m. Please be sure to pass the word to anyone you know that may be interested in touring our school and meeting our staff.

• Inclement Weather Procedures

Reminder that we follow Oak Hills Local School District as far as delayed starts and school closings are concerned. Please check the local TV and radio stations for announcements concerning school closings. We also send out a onecall to parents whenever a weather situation arises, however, this doesn’t always get to everyone as quickly as checking the local stations does.

Mr. Jerry Metz
Principal

LaRosa’s Buddy Cards for the holidays!

Stop by the school office and get your Buddy Card in time for the holidays! Only $10.00 - 14 offers on each card. “Buy any Large Pizza, get a Large Cheese Pizza FREE”

All proceeds benefit St. Catharine PTA.

Student Council News

The first Fund Raiser for the “Haley House Foundation” will be Wednesday, December 18th and Thursday, December 19th. Student Council will be having a bake sale at all the lunches those two days. The “Haley House Foundation” is the organization that has helper Peter Murphy and his family. Please show your support by bringing money to buy a baked good. Thank You!

Girls 5/6 Grade Volleyball Team Congratulations!

They got to the final match, which went to 3 games, and they lost the final game by 2 points against a really good Visitation team.

Girls Basketball Sign Up

Grades 3-8 and High School. No experience needed.
Please sign up at: http://stc-athletics.org/athletics/girls-basketball/
Call/email Eric Schmitt with questions.
608-0537 or eschmitt@fuse.net
St. Catharine

2020 Boys Baseball / Girls Softball SIGN-UPS

Grades K-8

• Deadline to sign-up is Monday, January 3, 2020.
• Sign-up is EASY:
  1. Log in to website: www.stc-athletics.org
  2. Click on “Athletics”
  3. Click on “Baseball” or “Softball”
  4. Complete registration and hit SUBMIT
  5. Pay the $45 registration fee on-line via PayPal link
  • Cash or Check also accepted,
  • checks made payable to St. Catharine Athletic Organization.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Dan Villamagna at dvillamagna@icloud or by phone at 513-405-3626.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

• DEADLINE to sign-up is Monday, January 3, 2020.
• IF YOU SIGNED UP DURING THE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE in the Fall, please re-register using steps above, to ensure that your son/daughter is included on the roster.

PTA is collecting donations for class auction baskets. Below are each grades basket theme:

Kindergarten - Cocktail Hour
1st - Shop Local
2nd - The Great Outdoors
3rd - Movie Night
4th - Family Game Night
5th - The Great Easter Basket
6th - Lottery Tickets
7th - Wine
8th - Bling

A donation of any amount is welcomed and appreciated, thank you!
Items can be sent to school, or you can drop off on Wednesday, December 11th, at the start of the Christmas Pageant. Donations can be dropped off in the breezeway and donation receipts will be available upon request.

If you make a donation by the start of the pageant, you will be entered in to win a free pair of tickets to the Auction and Gala! PTA will be collecting in the breezeway prior to the performance.

If you have any questions, please call or text Jaclyn Frondorf at 513-476-8195 or email at frondorf.jaclyn@gmail.com.

Hope you are enjoying this Merry time of year! Thank you for your generous support in making this year’s auction a success!
Do you love a good party?

Backyard BBQ * Night at the Oscars * Lobster Bake * Mother's Day Brunch * Murder Mystery Dinner * Pub Crawl * Mexican Fiesta * Wine Tasting * Art parties* CornHole * Euchre Party * Bus trip to Keeneland...sound fun?? These are some of the fabulous parties that have been available to bid for at the annual PTA Auction. Raise money and have a great time doing so! Please consider hosting a party as a donation to the 2020 Blue & Gold Gala! We’re always looking for fresh new party ideas! PTA Blue & Gold Gala is Saturday, Feb 1, 2020. If you or a group of friends would like to support the PTA by hosting a party or you have questions about hosting - contact Kelly Lowe at kellyslowe@gmail.com or 513-910-3733

Macy McAuley Holds Two Christmas Concerts

Mercy McAuley High School, located at 6000 Oakwood Avenue in College Hill, will hold two Christmas concerts, which are open to the public. Both concerts will be held in Mercy McAuley’s Auditorium.

*The Holiday Harmony Showcase Concert is Thursday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m. This concert is an all-choral show featuring vocalists from both Mercy McAuley and La Salle High Schools. Tickets are $5 at the door.

*The Sounds of Christmas Concert is Sunday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m. This concert features the Mercy McAuley chorus, orchestra and Vocal Ensemble. Tickets are $5 at the door.

Seton Christmas Concerts

It’s time to get into the Christmas spirit and enjoy the sounds of the season! Join us on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7:00 p.m. for the Seton-Elder Freshman Christmas Concert. Tickets are $2 and can be purchased at the door. Also, the Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series presents the annual Christmas Concert on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3:00 p.m. in Seton’s Performance Hall. All tickets are $8. See Seton’s website for an online order form, or tickets can be purchased at the door. Time to enjoy the music of the orchestra and singing from the Seton Ensemble, AcaSaints, Elder Glee Club, Seton-Elder Concert Choir and more!

Winter Break Child Care

Need care during Winter Break, we got you covered. Please see the attached flyer. Pre-registration and payment due before December 17th. Any questions, please feel free to call or email me. No Camp December 25, 2019 or January 1, 2020 Camp closes at 4 PM December 24th and December 31st.

Thanks
Andrea

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Seton Grade School Basketball Night

Future Saints, you’re invited to Grade School Basketball Night on Thursday, December 12 at Seton High School. Set sail on a night of FUN by cheering on our Saints in the Seton student section, play games, win prizes and more! The theme is All Out Christmas. Come dressed in your best Christmas sweaters and attire! Festivities begin at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free for all grade school students.
Camp CRC Winter Break Day Camp
Ages 6 - 12
When school is out the FUN is here!

December 23, 2019 – January 3, 2020
No Camp December 25, 2019 or January 1, 2020. Camp closes at 4pm on December 24 and December 31, 2019

9am – 4pm $80/week
7am-6pm $85/week (Extended Program)
Pack a Lunch and an afternoon snack.
Dress for play.
Need just a day? $28/day or $30/day for the extended program.

Pre-registration and current CRC membership required.
Minimum number of campers required to hold camp.
A FUN AND FREE Christmas Experience for the Whole Family
December 7th, 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Westwood United Methodist Church, Gym

DINE: Breakfast will be served from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
(Breakfast includes pancakes, syrup, sausage, beverage juice/coffee/tea)

CREATE: Families will have the chance to create Christmas themed crafts to help them connect with the Christmas story. Craft stations are open from 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon.

CONNECT: Visit the 4-H petting zoo.

SHOP: Kids can visit our Secret Santa Shop to purchase small inexpensive gifts for their families. FREE gift wrap is also available.
Panthers Lacrosse

KINDERGARTEN – 8TH GRADE, IT’S YOUR CHANCE TO BE A PANTHER!

Open to all Western Cincinnati schools, Panthers lacrosse is designed to introduce the sport to new players while providing coaching and direction to advancing players.

- Teams are divided by age to ensure competitive play:
  - K-2 — Intramural league ($50 sign-up fee)
  - 3&4th grades - 8 US Lacrosse games plus 1 tourney ($75 sign-up fee)
  - 5&6th grades - 8 US Lacrosse games plus 1 tourney ($100 sign-up fee)
  - 7&8th grade — 10-12 US lacrosse games plus 1 tourney ($125 sign-up fee)

- $30 US Lacrosse registration fee to cover player insurance is also required in addition to the fees noted above.

For more information or to sign-up, please visit www.cincypantherslacrosse.com If you have any questions, contact us at pantherlax4u@gmail.com or 513-941-0399

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOU BECOMING A PANTHER AND PLAYING AT THE PIT!