From the Desk of Mr. Metz

Dear St. Catharine Parents,

• **Power of the Pen**

Congratulations to the following writers on my Power of the Pen Team. I am proud of the entire team and their accomplishments this year, but I would like to recognize the three students that have qualified for the Regional tournament that will take place at Wyoming Middle School on March 7th. Great job to Nina Roedig, Kale Avila-Mejia, and Kiera Fuson. Please keep these writers in your prayers! Ms. Schmitz

• **Enrollment for the 2020-2021 School Year**

All enrollment forms for next year should be turned in at this time. We are going to begin enrolling new students next week. Reminder, if your child’s enrollment papers have not been turned in by now, then they are no longer guaranteed a spot for next year.

• **IOWA Test**

All grades will begin taking the IOWA assessments the week of March 2nd. Please ensure you children are well rested and have a good breakfast this week.

• **Fish Frys**

Beginning tonight, February 28th, through Friday, March 27th, fish frys will be held each Friday evening at West Side Brewing, 3044 Harrison Ave. Please stop in for a delicious fish dinner and the chance to mingle with other school families while supporting the athletic association.

• **Ed Choice Scholarship Vouchers**

If your student receives an Ed Choice Scholarship you are required to stop in the office and sign the voucher two times per year. We have quite a few that still need to be signed. If you haven’t signed yours, please try to stop in one day next week as we would like to wrap this up. Thanks to all those that have already signed them.
End of Second Trimester and In-service Day
The second trimester will end on Thursday March 12th and report cards will be sent home Friday March 20th. Students will be out of school on Friday March 13th for a teacher in-service day.

Ohio EdChoice Scholarship vouchers are in the school office
Please come to the school office to endorse your child’s scholarship during the school office hours of 7am to 3pm. This is the second and final voucher for the current school year and it represents the tuition due for your child. Thank You

Mr. Jerry Metz
Principal

Got Cod

The St. Catharine Fish Fry presented by St. Catharine Athletic Association has a NEW LOCATION FOR 2020!
St Catharine’s fish fry will be located at Westside Brewery at 3044 Harrison Ave, 45211 from 5-9pm this year.
This year’s Lenten menu includes: Cod Sliders on Bun with fries and coleslaw or Cod Sliders on Bun with fries and mac & cheese. The Classic 3 piece Cod Dinner with fries and coleslaw or Classic 3 piece Cod Dinner with fries and mac & cheese. The new favorite 3 piece Fish Tacos are back topped with slaw and chipotle crema.

Workers also needed
Please check out this link to view shifts that workers are still needed for:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084aaaee2f4-20201

The Westside Brewery party room has been reserved for St Catharine friends and family to eat and fellowship. Please come and enjoy the Best Fish Fry in Westwood on the following Fridays: February 28, March 6, March 13, March 20 and March 27

Girl Scout Marian Award
Congratulations to the 7th and 8th grade Girl Scout troop who received their Marian Award this past Sunday.
Samantha Berhane, Kiera Fuson, Gillian Ray, Sydney Szempruch, Leah Horn, Elizabeth Kamphaus, Molly Schmitt and Scarlet Wright

Mercy McAuley High School Holds Jumpstart Night for 5th-7th Grade Girls & Parents
Mercy McAuley High School will hold a Jumpstart Night for 5th-7th grade parents and girls on Thursday, April 2, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. The event is for 5th-7th grade parents and students who are interested in getting a jumpstart in exploring all that Mercy McAuley has to offer.
Parents will tour the school and learn about Mercy McAuley’s academics and schedule, counseling and student services, Women Lead Program, campus ministry and service, arts, athletics and clubs, and tuition, financial aid and scholarships.
Separately, 5th-7th graders will participate in science lab, art and service activities with Mercy McAuley faculty and students. They can also get a “sneak peek” of Mercy McAuley’s spring musical, Hello Dolly!
There will also be refreshments, photo opportunities, and the Spirit Shop will be open.
Please RSVP at www.mercymcauley.org/jumpstart by March 30, 2020. Any questions may be directed to Alii Miazga, Recruitment & Admissions Coordinator, at 681-1800 x2272 or miazgaa@mercymcauley.org.
Elder offers two courses for original credit during the summer session. Students currently enrolled in grades 8-11 may take either or both of the courses.

**Health**—This is an online course. Students may work at their own pace provided they submit completed assignments by the due dates. Students will meet at Elder for approximately 1 hour on Monday, June 1 at 8:00am to meet the teacher and obtain class information and the textbook. Students will also meet at Elder for approximately one hour on Friday, June 19 at 8:00am to take the final test and return the textbook. Students must have access to email and a computer to complete this course. The cost for the original credit course is $300. Students must be registered by Friday, May 22.

**Physical Education**—The Physical Education (PE) course is open to students currently in grades 8-11. The PE course may require students to make arrangements for transportation to off-campus sites and pay a minimal additional fee for a few activities. The majority of the activities will take place on Elder's campus. The course will meet daily from 8:00am-10:30am, June 1-June 19. The fee for the course is $300.

Students who successfully pass these courses would receive high school credit. The acceptance of the credit is determined by the individual high school. Registration starts Monday, March 16. Students interested in taking one of these courses should submit a completed registration form and the tuition fee to the main office. Summer school information including the registration form and course descriptions may be obtained from the student's counselor, the main office, or online at elderhs.org.
Important Notice Regarding Flu-Like Symptoms

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Due to the flu activity in the Tri-State area, we recommend that your child stay home from school if experiencing flu or cold symptoms. To decide whether or not to send your child to school, please consider the following guidelines:

Consider keeping your child at home for an extra day of rest and observation if he or she has any of the following symptoms:

- Temperature greater than 99.1.
- Sudden onset of stuffy or runny nose and/or cough
- Sore throat (no fever, no known exposure to strep)
- Headache
- Stomach ache
- General complaints of not feeling well

Definitely keep your child at home for treatment and observation if he or she has any of these symptoms:

- Fever (greater than 100 degrees by mouth)
- Vomiting (even once)
- Diarrhea (even once)
- General malaise or feelings of fatigue, discomfort, weakness or muscle aches and chills
- Frequent congested (wet) or croup-like cough
- Sore throat
- Lots of nasal congestion with frequent blowing of nose

To help prevent the flu and other colds, teach your children good hygiene habits:

- Wash hands frequently
- Do not touch eyes, nose or mouth
- Cover mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, use a paper tissue, throw it away and then wash hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Colds are the most contagious during the first 48 hours. A child who has a fever should remain at home until "fever free" (temperature below 100 degrees) for a minimum of 24 hours WITHOUT fever reducing medication. A child who has started antibiotics needs to be on the medication for 48 hours before considered non-contagious and able to return to school. Often when a child awakens with vague complaints (the way colds and flu begin), it is wise to observe your child at home for an hour or two before deciding whether or not to bring them to school. Your child should be physically able to participate in all school activities on return to school. Keeping a sick child at home will minimize the spread of infections and viruses in the classroom.

If you have questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact the school or the school nurse. Thank you in advance for helping make this year at school as healthy as possible.

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Alexandra Singleton, RN
School Nurse
St. Catharine of Siena
If you have any questions email Liz Wright  eb.wright@mac.com

You’re Invited!

Family Night & Open House

March 20th, 2020 from 5:45-9pm

Cincinnati Museum Center

Are you interested in learning about science, history, culture and arts?

Would you like to go on fun, educational and cultural field trips?

Would you like to learn job-readiness skills while making new friends?

Youth Programs is a developmental program for 13-18 year-olds. It’s designed to prepare Youth for college, career and community through museum studies, field trips, college readiness and much more.

Interested in joining Youth Programs?

During our Family Night and Open House at the Cincinnati Museum Center, our Youth will be showing off what they’ve learned with hands-on demonstrations and answering your questions with a Q&A panel for prospective new Youth and their parents.

RSVP by March 4th:
youthprograms@cincymuseum.org
Me & My Gal
Girl Scout Sampler

Kindergarten girls with an adult

Tuesdays
March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 2020
6:30-7:30 p.m.
St. James Church
3207 Montana Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45211
Next to the YMCA

What will we do?
Work on Badges such as:
• Board Game Design Challenge
• Space Science Explorer
• Daisy Trail Adventure
• Model Car Design Challenge
• Outdoor Art Maker
Plus...
• Sing Songs, Learn Girl Scout traditions, and the Learn Girl Scout Promise

Questions? Contact Cheryl Shrider at 513.619.1424 or cherylshrider@gswo.org.

Thought you missed out on Girl Scouts this year?

Limited to 12 girls with their adults
Don't Delay! Sign Up Online at g swo.org/join
Cost $25 for all 6 sessions
Choose Troop#4126