



Cathedral School News—10/16/2019

A Message from Mrs. Gallagher-Kosmatka

Happy Fall! Life at Cathedral continues to be full of learning, adventures and smiles. Please know that your children are doing a great job and their boundless energy brightens our days!!!

As the year moves along, I do ask your support and awareness in regards to several management issues at school. They are:

1. Our **school day begins promptly at 8:00 a.m.** with morning prayer. If a child is tardy to school it detracts from morning prayer, announcements and the morning routine for both the classroom and the tardy child. Arriving at or before 7:55 a.m. allows time for your child to unpack and settle in, thus laying the foundation for a great day in the classroom.

Also, for safe environment and security reasons, as well as a strong start to our morning classroom work for all children and teachers, parents should not be traveling through the building at or after 8:00 a.m. Students arriving late must report to the office with their parent(s). The parent is asked to sign their child in and then the child should report to the classroom. I can walk your child to the classroom after announcements if necessary to assist with this request.

2. As the colder weather sets in I ask that children have a **jacket or coat with them daily**. We have a morning and lunch/afternoon recess and want to be sure they are warm outside. A hat and mittens are always helpful as well.
3. **Visitors to Cathedral Elementary School** are required to come to the school office upon admittance through the south Ferry Street (front) door. This includes visiting for Masses and Prayer Services. Visitors are to sign out in the office upon leaving the school. Please know that this is in place for the safety of all children and staff. I thank you for your understanding and support in this regard.

Thank you to the St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral Parish Men's Club for sponsoring breakfast earlier this month. The PTO received a check for over \$400 due to their efforts. It was nice for families to visit and enjoy a pancake and omelet breakfast. As you look through your newsletter you will see a variety of events and activities coming up. Please be sure to note the deadlines and sign ups as outlined. I thank you for your contribution to the active life of our school.

In service of your children,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia A. Gallagher-Kosmatka".

Patricia A. Gallagher-Kosmatka
Principal, Cathedral Elementary School





Unity Day on Wednesday, October 23

Cathedral School will be participating in **Unity Day** on **Wednesday, October 23**. Unity Day is a national day originally designed for schools to unite together against bullying and to help students become united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion. As we strive to be kind to others daily, this will bring to the forefront the reminder to think beyond our own needs and be respectful and accepting of those around us. In addition, Blessed Sacrament School students will be 'uniting' with us to pray the Rosary at 1:45 p.m. in our worship area. Together in prayer our students will reflect on October as the month of Mary, the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, and the gifts we can uncover in every person. On Unity Day, students and staff are asked to wear orange or red tops with dress code bottoms.

Fundraising Pick-Up on Thursday, November 7

Items ordered through our fundraising sale will be available for pick up on Thursday, November 7 in the Cathedral lobby between 2:30 and 5:00 p.m. Please plan to stop and pick up your items during that time frame. Thank you for your support of this annual fundraiser.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

First quarter Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held Tuesday, November 12 and Thursday, November 14 from 3:15 - 7:15 p.m. All students, 3 year old Preschool through Grade 2, will have an opportunity to meet with their child's homeroom teacher for a 15 minute scheduled conference. Parents are asked to go to the Cathedral website <https://www.aquinascatholicschools.org/ces-home> to sign up for your preferred 15 minute conference time.

Please know that your child's teachers for Art, Computers/Library, Music, Foreign Language and Guidance will also be available for you to meet with. Appointments are not necessary for these meetings. I encourage you to stop and see them.

Our Cathedral **BOOK FAIR** will run in conjunction with our Conferences so please stop and look at the displays and book options. Mrs. Key will be available to assist in purchases and answer questions.





PTO Updates

Dress Code Clothing Resale: PTO will be hosting a clothing resale area at Parent-Teacher Conferences. Parents will be able to sell or donate lightly worn dress code clothing as well as purchase, for a nominal amount, lightly worn dress code clothing. Details will be forthcoming from PTO.

Teacher Conference Meals: The PTO is providing dinner meals for teachers the nights of Parent-Teacher Conferences (Tuesday, November 12 and Thursday, November 14). As conferences start at 3:15 p.m. the meals provided allow teachers a quick sandwich, salad or hot food break at dinner time. Parents wishing to provide a food or beverage item can go to the Cathedral School website and sign up for a specific item to bring. Thank you to our PTO for your efforts and generosity in this regard.

Pancake Breakfast: PTO will be sponsoring a Pancake & Omelet Breakfast on Sunday, November 3 from 7:30 a.m.-noon at St. Joseph The Workman Cathedral on Main Street in the undercroft.

November meeting: The November PTO meeting will be on Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.



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AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT

Aquinas Catholic Schools is a
Christ-centered family
devoted to nurturing students of all faiths
through educational excellence
in its vibrant Catholic tradition.

CORE VALUES

FAITH—Serving Jesus and His Church
INTEGRITY—Cultivating moral character
EXCELLENCE—Pursuing daily improvement
through life-long learning
LEADERSHIP—Inspiring achievement
and stewardship
DIGNITY—Respecting God, others and self

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School Calendar Reminders

Friday, October 18	Walking School Bus 7:35 a.m. at Weigent Park Box Top Dress Down Day
Wednesday, October 23	Rosary Prayer Service at 1:45 p.m. with Blessed Sacrament School Unity Day—students wear orange tops and dress code bottoms
Friday, October 25	Walking School Bus 7:35 a.m. Weigent Park October Birthday Lunch 11:00 a.m. 4K Field Trip to Fire Station 9:45 a.m.
Monday, October 28	NO SCHOOL—Comp Day
Thursday, October 31	Windy City Players- Beauty & The Beast 8:15 a.m. 5K Trick or Treat at Bethany on Cass 10:00 a.m. Halloween Party 12:45 p.m. hosted by Blessed Sacrament 6th Graders
Friday, November 1	End of Quarter All Saints Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. led by Mrs. Johannis' class
Sunday, November 3	PTO Pancake and Omelet Breakfast from 7:30 a.m.-noon
Monday, November 4	Start of Quarter 2 Picture Re-take day
Wednesday, November 6	Mass at 9:00 a.m. led by Mrs. Dobbin's class Quarter 1 report cards sent home 5K-Gr. 2
Friday, November 8	Cathedral Spirit Day Yearbook orders due in office
Monday, November 11	Veterans Day Commemoration 9:00 a.m.
Monday, November 11-15	Cathedral Book Fair