

Gator Gazette

January 28, 2022

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A message from the Principal

Hello Gator Families,

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday. Join us at our **Open House** as we showcase all the good things St. Al's has to offer. A calendar of events for the week is attached in this Gazette.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Nancy Gorszek for being our Aftercare Coordinator. Nancy is moving on and we wish her well and will miss her.

Grand Raffle tickets are selling well. This is a major fund raiser for the school and we need 100% participation. As you sell your tickets more are available from the school office.

Registration is open. Class size is limited. Please register early to save your space in the classroom. Facebook SHARE Challenge: Please repost our registration statement to 10 friends or family members.

PTO and Athletic meetings are important to attend. Contact those organizations to see how you can help our school by volunteering.

Remember—No school on February 11th.

The classroom Valentine's parties will be on Valentine's Day, February 14th.

Let's all cheer our Bengals to victory. They are making Cincinnati proud.

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Stay warm and healthy,
Mark Auer



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Catholic Schools Week 2022



Preschool-8th Grade Activities for the Week

Monday Jan 31	Tuesday Feb 1	Wednesday Feb 2	Thursday Feb 3	Friday Feb 4
<p>Wear your favorite superhero or Disney character</p> <p>Lucky Student Drawing</p> <p>Preschool - 3rd Grade: Raptors Beak and Talons Program 9am-10am</p>	<p>Wear your pj's to school (no footed pj's or slippers)</p> <p>4th-8th Grade CMAC with Master Strickland 9:30am-10:30am</p> <p>"Minute to WinIt" K-3 12:30-1:15pm 4-8 1:15-2pm</p>	<p>Wear St. Al's spirit wear</p> <p>Special treat provided by PTO during lunch</p> <p>8th Grade VS Teachers volleyball game 1:00pm in the gym (k-8)</p>	<p>Wear wacky mismatched clothes</p> <p>Movie Day</p> <p>Teacher appreciation luncheon</p>	<p>Wear your favorite sports team</p> <p>All School Prayer Service</p> <p>PTO Treat Cartpreschool - 8th grade</p>

Parents, please make sure the office has up-to-date information so that we can contact you in case of emergency.

Out of Uniform:

Our January Out of Uniform Day raised \$164.00 for The March of Dimes.

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Gator Gala 2022

While we have postponed the “In-person” Gala dinner and auction we are proceeding with an online auction and the Grand Raffle.

The online auction will be held on Saturday, March 12th. Details are being finalized but we have some great prizes: a wonderful array of baskets, a Big Green Egg, Yeti Cooler, Pandora necklace, bourbon basket and a bourbon tasting and dinner at the Slicer’s home, one full tuition for the 2022-23 school year, just to name a few.

So plan to check us out on March 12th and sell those Grand Raffle chances

Our first early bird winner of \$100.00 is Paul Ruffing.

Congratulations and thank you for your support!

Grand Raffle

\$20 per ticket, 6 for \$100

Tickets were mailed out to parish families last month. Additional tickets can be picked up at the school and church office and at the doors of church. Tickets are also being sold after masses in the Tekulve Room



A letter from the Director

Hello Preschool Families,

We survived this week's brutal cold temperatures! While our preschool friends were indoors staying warm, they were busy mastering their color, shape, letter, and number of the week and also making some cute Bengals crafts to cheer on our team! We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend and can enjoy the big game with family and friends! Please see below for important upcoming dates and events:

-Thank you to all the families who have donated items for the basket raffle!

-Please don't forget to sell your Grand Raffle tickets! We are getting closer and closer to our goal, we are currently at \$16,000! There are weekly prize drawings for students who sell tickets! If you need more tickets to sell, please reach out to Mrs. Stephanie or your child's teacher! We need to reach our goal of \$34,000, we can do it!!!

-Open House for perspective families will be held on Sunday, January 30th from 11:00-1:30.

-January 31st, we kick off Catholic Schools Week! Here is the schedule of fun events for the week:

Monday, January 31st- Wear your favorite superhero or Disney character shirt & Raptors Beak and Talons Program

Tuesday, February 1st- Wear your pj's to school (no footed pj's or slippers)

Wednesday, February 2nd- Wear St. Al's spirit wear

Thursday, February 3rd- Wear wacky mismatched clothes

Friday, February 4th- Wear your favorite sports team

-Monday, February 14th we will be our Valentine's Day Carnival and Tuesday, February 15th will be movie and pajama day. More details on these events will be sent out by your child's homeroom teacher.

-There is NO SCHOOL the following days in February:

Friday, February 11th

Friday, February 18th

Monday, February 21st

Thank you,

Stephanie Goettke

From the Pastoral Associate

Julie McDonald

Heaven's Gain Ministries

We are so blessed to be living on the "West Side" of Cincinnati. The sense of a welcoming community is an overwhelming theme on the West Side. So, I want to highlight a ministry that started right here on the West Side of Cincinnati. Heaven's Gain Ministries is a nonprofit organization that specializes in providing services and products for families suffering the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death. They are located at 6962 Harrison Avenue. You may have passed the little building and wondered what it was all about.

The founders Jim and Donna Murphy explain on their website that "Heaven's Gain started out of our own miscarriage experiences at 9, 14, and 17 weeks. We were frustrated that we were unable to find a little baby casket for any of our miscarried babies. Even a casket for early stillborn baby was difficult to find."

"We believed each miscarried and stillborn baby is truly a loss. Proper burial of our miscarried/stillborn babies in a little casket was very important to us. Even after diligently searching, we were not able to find a little baby casket or tiny coffin for any of our miscarried babies. We did not want any other family to be in this situation and so we start Heaven's Gain. It is so important for us to offer dignified caskets and urns for families experiencing the loss of a baby. We also offer support, advocacy, and guidance for grieving families. We hope we can serve as a part of your healing as you grieve the loss of your baby."

Donna and Jim are the parents of eleven children: three in Heaven, and eight on earth. After feeling the call to start the ministry, they researched for a year in 2007, and opened the ministry in February of 2008. They contracted skilled wood crafters to make their baby caskets.

Jim makes urns in their home and they both continue to work as volunteers. After a year of study, from 2012-2013, Donna became a Certified Loss Doula to better help serve their clients. Their ministry is reaching and helping people in the U.S and around the world.

If you would like to make a difference for families experiencing a loss of a baby, please consider volunteering with their ministry. Several opportunities for various skills are needed: RN's, crafters, woodworkers, maintenance, artists, data entry, IT, social media, cleaning, grant writer. Please remember Heaven's Gain in your prayers and if someone you know is experiencing a loss or is struggling with a loss from their past. They are there to help.

Donna Murphy | Executive Director
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The Catholic Education Foundation For the Archdiocese of Cincinnati 2022-2023 Tuition Assistance Grants



The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will once again be able to offer over \$2 million in tuition assistance grants for the 2022-23 school year.

Families of elementary students K-8 may apply for needs based assistance between now and February 6, 2022

Please visit CatholicBestChoice.org for more details and instructions on how to apply.



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Boy Scout Troop 238 Wants You



Troup 238 is celebrating it's 70th anniversary this year. We would like to extend a welcome to anyone looking to begin their scouting career (11 years or older) or looking to continue their journey. Troup 238 meets weekly and would like to invite you to our information night **March 6th at Our Lady of the Visitation Sports Pavilion starting at 7:00 PM** to learn more about our program. Upcoming events include a primitive camping weekend in March and a high adventure trip to Red River Gorge in May. We hope to see you there! Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Tony Edwards – Scoutmaster
Anthony.T.Edwards@gmail.com



**TRACK IS BACK At St. Catharine's
Track & Field Signups ARE NOW OPEN!**

Signups end Friday, February 6, 2022 @ 11:59pm. DO NOT MISS OUT!

Registrations are only taken online. Emergency & Waiver forms along with payments are due on February, 6th 2022.

St Catharine Track & Field Running Cougars

We are excited to offer track and field for students in grades K-8 who love to run, jump and have fun again this year. The goal of this program is to keep our kids healthy and active in the younger grades while fostering healthy competition in the higher grades. Track is also a great cross-training activity for off-season athletes!

Practice days are Mondays and Wednesdays. Practice begins mid-March, with Meets starting late March and running through mid-May.

**Online Sign-up and Fee payment at
<http://stc-athletics.org/athletics/track>**

Fees are \$65 for our neighboring schools for the 2021 season. (Which includes a team t-shirt). **Fees MUST be paid online.**

We look forward to another great track season in 2022!

If you have any questions, please contact:

Rodney Lear
Track Coordinator
nator
stcatharinetrack@gmail.com

Mary Kohler
Assistant Track Coordi-



**Valentine's
Day
Winter
Carnival**

Oak Hills United Methodist Church
6069 Bridgetown Road, Cincinnati, OH 45248 — 513-574-1131

**Saturday,
February 12, 2022
1:00 – 3:00 pm**

(come and go as you wish during these hours) Games,
prizes, crafts, popcorn!

Cost: 5 non-perishable food, household, or personal care
items for our community pantry

OR

\$5.00 per FAMILY

All children and their families welcome!

Save as a reference

If your child develops any of the following symptoms please have the child isolate and speak to their medical provider.

Fever myalgia nausea fatigue cough loss of taste/smell
 Chills headache vomiting congestion shortness of breath
 Rigors sore throat diarrhea running nose difficulty breathing

	Minimum Quarantine	Recommendations
Optimal Duration to Minimize Risk of Transmis-	Stay at home for at least 14 days after last exposure	Maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others and wear a mask when around other people. Self-monitor for symptoms through day 14 . (Check temperature twice a day, watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.) Persons who develop symptoms of COVID-19 or who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate and follow recommendations for discontinuing isolation.
Re-duced Duration 1	Stay at home at least 10 days after last exposure	Maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others and wear a mask when around other people. Self-monitor for symptoms through day 14 . (Check temperature twice a day, watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.) Consider obtaining a viral test near the end of this period (day eight or later) to increase certainty that there is no infection, but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after day 10. Persons who develop symptoms of COVID-19 or who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate and follow recommendations for discontinuing isolation.
Re-duced Duration 2	Negative test result for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) from a sample collected on day five or later after last exposure AND stay at home for at least seven days after last exposure.	Maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others and wear a mask when around other people. Self-monitor for symptoms through day 14 . (Check temperature twice a day, watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.) Persons who develop symptoms of COVID-19 or who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate and follow recommendations for discontinuing isolation.

A 14-day quarantine period presents the lowest risk of post-quarantine transmission. This strategy is preferred for people living in, working at, or visiting congregate living facilities, high density workplaces, or other settings where potential extensive transmission or contact with people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 is possible.

•ro minimize the risk of Covid-19 transmission, student-athletes should wait until 14 days of symptom monitoring have passed since they would not be able to social distance or

wear a mask during active practice or play. Such student athletes are permitted to return to class sooner since they can social distance (at least 6 feet) and wear a mask when around others in class.

If you or your child's doctor has any questions or concerns, please contact *Hamilton County Public Health's Division of Epidemiology and Assessment Outbreak Response Team* at (513) 946-7919.

Sincerely,



Greg Kesterman
 Health Commissioner
 Hamilton County Public Health