



The Cougar Connection



Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good – with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help, and the humility and openness to accept help from others. Let us go forward with great hope that all things are possible, with Your help and guidance. Amen.

Happy New Year to all of our St. Columba families! May the Joy and Peace of Christ be with you and your family throughout this New Year.

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER:

Dear Families,

On behalf of the St. Columba faculty and staff we hope that you had a blessed Christmas Season filled with love and peace. The New Year brings a fresh beginning to all. It is our hope and best wishes that each of you continue to be blessed with God’s goodness. We are looking forward to working with all of our families towards making this year a successful and prosperous one for St. Columba. Together, as one community, we can continue to strengthen and cultivate a bright and sustaining future for our school.

The Bishop Flores Scholarship Fund is open from January 1 - February 28, 2018. There are many families who are in need of financial assistance and the foundation is limited to its funds. Therefore I highly encourage all of you who are applying to do so as soon as possible. You may apply at <http://www.bishopfloresscholars.org/tuition-assistance>. Once you apply for the Bishop Flores Scholarship you do not need to apply for tuition assistance for St. Columba through FACTS.

As the new year begins please keep in mind that it is St. Columba’s wish to be able to provide as much tuition assistance as possible to our families in need.

The tuition assistance we provide through our school is limited. One of the major ways we give assistance is through funds earned through BINGO. This is why it is important that each family volunteer to work BINGO during the month their class is assigned. The reality is that we need each family to support BINGO so that St. Columba can continue improving its curriculum to its students and to provide tuition assistance to those families in need.

May God Bless you with a Happy New Year!

In Christ,
Ms. Navarro

BISHOP FLORES SCHOLARSHIP FUND: If you are applying for the Bishop Flores Scholarship Fund, here are some important dates to keep in mind: January 2nd student application forms are available, please go to <http://www.bishopfloresscholars.org>. February 28th, is the deadline for student applications. March 23rd, tuition assistance awards are finalized. School families will be notified via email late March, early April. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Navarro.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 8 through 26 -

- **STAR TESTING**

JANUARY 8-

- Morning Assembly 8:00

JANUARY 9-

- After School Band 2:55-4:55

JANUARY 10-

- Parents in Prayer 8:00-8:30 Library
- Spanish Gr. 1-2 3:00-3:30/Gr.3-4 3:30-4:-00
- PTG Board Meeting 5:30-6:30

JANUARY 11-

- After School Mythology Gr. 3-8 3:00-3:30
- Spanish Gr. 5-8 3:30-4:00

JANUARY 12-

- **All School Mass 8:15/Formal Dress Uniform**

JANUARY 15-

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday/No School**

JANUARY 16-

- After School Band 2:55-4:55

JANUARY 17-

- Parents in Prayer 8:00-8:30 Library
- Spanish Gr. 1-2 3:00-3:30/Gr. 3-4 3:30-4:00

JANUARY 18-

- After School Mythology Club Gr. 3-8 3:00-3:30
- Spanish Gr. 5-8 3:30-4:00

JANUARY 19-

- **All School Mass 8:15/Formal Dress Uniform**

JANUARY 20-

- Catholic High Schools Entrance Exams

STAR TESTING: Starting Monday, January 8th grades K- 8 will begin STAR Testing. Testing is from January 8th through Friday, January 26th. The best way to prepare students for the test is to insure a good night's sleep and to provide a healthy breakfast. Mornings are dedicated for testing; please do not schedule appointments during testing periods. Please remember testing is just one tool a teacher uses as an indicator of what the children know and how the teacher can best fine tune the curriculum to meet the child's needs.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Teresa Temprendola and Jack Hightower who were chosen to receive the Leadership Awards at Cathedral Catholic High School on Wednesday, January 17th. Each year two eighth grade students are chosen from each of our Diocesan schools for this honor.

6TH GRADE SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER DINNER: We welcome you to join us Saturday, January 27th from 4:30 – 8:30 am for a great spaghetti dinner while enjoying great company and lots of family fun by helping to support our 6th grade camp fundraiser. Look for the order form coming home today with your child.

SPORTS: Games for winter sports will begin Saturday, January 13th. Schedules are posted online. Just go to www.leaguelineup.com/catholicsportsleague.com. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 22-

- Morning Assembly 8:00

JANUARY 23-

- After School Band 2:55-4:55

JANUARY 24-

- Parents in Prayer 8:00-8:30
Library
- Spanish Gr. 1-2 3:00-3:30/Gr. 3-4 3:30-4:00

JANUARY 25-

- After School Mythology Gr. 3-8 3:00-3:30
- Spanish Gr. 5-8 3:30-4:00

JANUARY 26-

- **All School Mass 8:15/Formal Dress Uniform**

JANUARY 27-

- **6th Gr. Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-8:30**

JANUARY 28-

- **Catholic Schools Week Begins**
- **9:30 Mass**
- **Open House 10:30-12:00**
- **Book Fair Begins**

JANUARY 29-

- Morning Assembly 8:00
- Book Fair

JANUARY 30-

- Student Appreciation Day
- Book Fair
- After School Band 2:55-4:55

JANUARY 31-

- Parent Appreciation Day
- Book Fair