



The Cougar Connection



Spirit of the Living God, bless the work of our hands, our minds and our hearts. May the work we offer be a reflection of all that is good within us. May unity, beauty and truth be the fruit of our labor. Amen.

PRAYERS: Please continue to keep in prayer all our families and extended families who are experiencing difficult times. We also give thanks in prayer for all our many blessings.

EASTER LITURGY: St. Columba parish welcomes all our families and extended families to attend our Family Easter Mass starting at 9:30 am in the parish hall. Easter Sunday Liturgy will be celebrated with a special Mass. This is a beautiful celebration of our Lord's Resurrection to share as a family.

EASTER VACATION: Easter vacation is just around the corner! Holy Thursday, April 13th is a minimum day, 12:00 dismissal. Extended care is available from 12:00 – 6:00 pm. Good Friday, April 14th Easter vacation begins school and preschool is closed. School and preschool will resume Monday, April 24th with a regular day schedule.

EASTER BRUNCH & EASTER EGG HUNT: We welcome you to join us this Sunday, Palm Sunday, April 9th for a delicious brunch in the parish hall starting at 8:00, hear our school choir, and 2 of our student pianists performance starting at 11:00, followed by a family fun Easter Egg Hunt starting at 11:30 outside the Ministry Center. Tickets will be available at the door - \$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children 12 & under, and family rate \$30.00. Once again, thank you to the St. Columba Men's Club for this special event for our school community and parish.

LENT/CRS RICE BOWL: Just one more week for collecting coins for CRS Rice Bowl. All containers with coins need to be turned in Holy Thursday, April 13th. Thank you to all our families who have helped with this Lenten project.

SCHOOL LENTEN JOURNEYS: Thank you to all our teachers and students for your commitment to your class Lenten projects. You make the world a better place for your dedication!

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Reminder: We invite you to join us Holy Thursday, April 13th at 11:00 am for the 8th grade presentation of The Living Stations of the Cross in the church.

THANK YOU: A very special thank you to Mrs. Lunn, Mrs. Belflower, and to all the 8th grade parents and students who helped to make the Applebee's fundraiser so fun, and for supporting this event. We also want to thank Ms. Navarro, Officer Rodriguez, and The Eastern Division Police Dept for organizing the softball game, and to Paul Palacios for the jerseys, to Mrs. Guerrero for her help with the family BBQ and to all the parents who helped in some way to make this a fun-filled evening for the entire family.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Apr 9 - Palm Sunday
- Easter Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt 8:00-11:30
- Apr 11 - After School Band
- Apr 12 - Parents in Prayer 8:00-8:30 Library
- After School Spanish Gr. 1-4 3:30-4:00
- PTG Board Meeting 5:30-6:30
- Apr 13 - Holy Thursday Living Stations of the Cross 11:00/Church
- Minimum Day 12:00 No Spanish Gr. 5-8
- Apr 14 - Good Friday
- No School
- Apr 16 - Easter Sunday
- Children Liturgy Mass 9:30
- Apr 17-21 Easter Vacation**
- Apr 24 - School Resumes
- Apr 24-28 6th gr. Camp**
- Apr-24-28 Earth Week**
- Apr 25 - After School Band
- Apr 26 - 8th Gr. Field Trip Museum of Tolerance
- Parents in Prayer 8:00-8:30 Library
- After School Spanish Gr. 1-4 3:30-4:00
- Apr 27 - After School Spanish Gr. 5-8 3:30-4:00
- Apr 28 - All School Mass 8:15 Formal Dress Uniform
- Apr 29 - Honor Band Concert 2:00 pm Hall

SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018: Parents, if you haven't returned your registration form for the upcoming school year, please do so promptly. Registration fee is \$300.00 per child and the PTG Family Fee is \$200.00. These fees need to be received when your registration form is returned. If you have any concerns, please contact Ms. Navarro. Once again, thank you to all the families who have registered for the 2017-2018 school year.

3RD QUARTER REPORT CARDS: Reminder: You can go on gradelink to print out your child's report card for 3rd quarter. If you have any concerns or questions about your child's academic progress, please contact their homeroom teacher. Please print a copy of the report card and return it with parent signature by Wednesday, April 12th.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Julian Ortega who placed 1st in the Shot Put at CCHS track meet. Thank you for representing our school with enthusiasm and great sportsmanship. We are very proud of you!

SPORT JERSEYS: Reminder: If you're not playing spring sports, and you still have a jersey that has not been returned, please return to Mr. Fairchild or the school office promptly. Also if your child is playing spring sports and the fee has not been paid, please pay no later than April 30th.

MAY HOT LUNCH: Coming home today with your child is the May lunch form. Please complete and return by the due date. Thank you.

GIFTCARDS: Don't forget to order your gift cards! Order forms are available in the school office or you can order on line to place your order. To all our families, parishioners and friends who help to support this program for our school we say thank you!

GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Keep collecting General Mills Box Tops for Education. You can find them on numerous food items. Box tops are collected monthly and the class that collects the most earns a free dress day.

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBERFEST: Important reminder: Keep bringing in those confetti eggs! For our annual Octoberfest.....we need lots of confetti eggs! Check out Wal-Mart for confetti eggs. Spring time is a great time to purchase these eggs at a reasonable cost. The confetti egg booth is one of our most popular booths and lots of confetti eggs are needed to keep this booth opened! For families who purchase these, please bring to the school office.

GAME SCHEDULE: GO TEAMS!

TEAM	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
Varsity Boys Soccer St. Columba vs. Madeleine (white)	4/8 10:00	OLG
Varsity Girls Basketball St. Columba vs. St. Gregory	4/8 9:55	CCHS Court 1
JV Girls Basketball St. Columba vs. St. Gregory	4/8 12:40	CCHS Court 2
JV Girls Basketball St. Columba vs. Christ Lutheran	4/11 4:10	Christ Lutheran

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 3 - Ice Cream Social
Family BBQ 5:30-7:00
- Spring Band Concert
6:15 pm
- May 5 - May Crowning Mass
Adoration
- Formal Dress Uniform
- May 6 - 2nd Gr. Retreat
9:00 AM to Noon
Ministry Center
- May 07 - 7th Grade Applebees
Fundraiser
- May 10 - 2nd Gr. 1st Communion
Rehearsal 6:30-8:00
Church
- May 11 - Sports Banquet
5:30-7:00
- May 13 - 1st Holy Communion
10:00
- May 20 - Mother & Son
Game Night

WALKING CLUB

7:40-7:55 AM every Tuesday,
Wednesday and Thursday

Honor Roll 3rd Quarter 2017

5th Grade

Second Honors:

Nicole Ballard
Gabriel Lopez
Juliana Lascina
Danica Williams
Daniela Sexenian
Isabelle Taillon

First Honors:

Sophia McCloskey
Lilli Madsen
Elizabeth Kennedy
Alexandra Riggs
Carl Fiorica
Colin Babich
Susan McCarthy

Principals List:

Melinda Pudijohartono
Catherine Pham

Christian Citizenship:

Juliana Lascina

Most Improved:

Luke Brown

6th Grade

Second Honors:

Alexis Oliva
Julian Ortega
Sofia Martinez
Angelina Guerrero
Elysa Elizondo
Evan Babich

First Honors:

Lucia Bravence
Angelique Vo
Liam Kelly
Colin Aston
Victoria Bustria

PrincipalsList:

Sohini Mody
Kent Vu

Christian Citizenship:

Lucia Bravence

Most Improved:

Angelina Guerrero

Honor Roll 3rd Quarter 2017

7th Grade

Second Honors:

Adrienne Torpey
Samuel Sedillo
Ryan Wentworth
Danielle McCarthy
Erik Castro

First Honors:

Angelica Lopez
Vanessa Palacios
Gabriel Vitug
Molly McCarthy
Lauren Kennedy

Principals List:

Jack Hightower
Emma Rawers
Teresa Temprendola

Most Improved:

Samuel Sedillo

8th Grade

Second Honors:

Esbella Barba
Evan Gerardo

First Honors:

Cianna Kelly
Andrea Ruvalcaba
Alysia Landa
Jillian Hirsch
Alexis Kane
Israel Cubillo

Principals List:

Craig Carter
Kellen O'Donnell
Abigail Lopez

Personal Achievement:

Bella Riggs
Esabella Barba
Jessica Byrne
Sebastian Escobosa
Malakhi Ferreira
Kellen O'Donnell

Christian Citizenship:

Al Blake