



The Cougar Connection



Dear Lord Jesus, by Your Passion and Resurrection You brought life to our world. You laid down Your life willingly for us out of love. Teach me to accept my hardships with grace, and to offer myself to the Father with You so that I may rise with You to eternal life. Amen.

PRAYERS: Our prayers are with all our families and extended families who are experiencing difficult times. May the love and support of our community bring you comfort.

EASTER LITURGY: St. Columba Parish welcomes all our families and extended families to attend our Easter Sunday Liturgy Mass starting at 9:30 am in the parish hall. This is a beautiful celebration to share as a family.

EASTER VACATION/SCHOOL CLOSED: Good Friday, April 14th school and preschool are closed through Friday, April 21st. School will resume Monday, April 24th with a regular day.

6TH GRADE CAMP: When we return from Easter break our 6th graders will be off to camp – Monday, April 24th through Friday, April 28th. They go with our prayers for a safe journey and our wishes that they have a great time!

THANK YOU: A very special thank you to our St. Columba Men's club for the fabulous Easter Brunch and fantastic Easter Egg Hunt. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all! Thank you to all the families, and parishioners who supported this event. Your continued support is a true blessing. Also, a huge thank you to Mrs. Harkey, Mrs. Nelson and the school choir for all their hard work and many hours of practice. The performance was wonderful!

THANK YOU: Thank you to Mrs. Lunn and the 8th grade class for the prayerful Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday.

REGISTRATION 2017-2018: Important reminder: If you haven't registered for the 2017-2018 school year, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Navarro.

7TH GRADE APPLEBEE'S FUNDRAISER: Save the date! We invite you to join us Sunday, May 7th from 8:00 – 10:00 am at Applebee's on Balboa Ave. This is a special fundraiser hosted by the 7th grade parents and students to help raise funds for the 8th grade dinner/dance.

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBERFEST: Keep those confetti eggs coming in! Lots of confetti eggs are needed for our most popular booth. The confetti egg booth! Spring time is a great time to purchase these eggs at a reasonable cost. Thank you to the families who are starting to bring them in!

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Families,

On behalf of the Father Ed and the St. Columba Staff, I would like to wish all of our families a blessed Easter. As our students' Lenten Journeys come to an end it has been our hope that they have embraced the true meaning of Easter. Let us continue to continue to give careful attention to Scripture so that we may be reinforced about the beauty of Our Lord's messages and practice His teachings in all that we do.

Pope Francis' message for Lent 2017, "Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need."

Happy Easter!

Ms. Navarro

"See, I am making all things new.....To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life." (Rev 21:5-6).

LOST AND FOUND: We have lots of sweatshirts and miscellaneous items in our lost and found. Items not picked up by the end of the month will go to the uniform exchange.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: This is just a friendly reminder that all Parent Volunteer Hours for the 2016/2017 school year have been completed and signed into the Volunteer Book. All hours were to have been completed no later than April 1, 2017. Families will be billed a **prorated portion** of unfulfilled service hours up to \$250.00 via FACTS on June 9, 2017.

CHILD CARE AWARE OF AMERICA: Preschool Military Fee Assistance Program. The Child Care Aware Program for military families offers financial assistance for preschool age children. Applications can be obtained in the elementary office with Miss Linda or in the preschool office with Miss Trish.

PTG ELECTIONS: It is that time of the year again when St. Columba is looking for parents who would like to become more involved in our school. The PTG interest forms will be going home with your children on April 28, 2017. If you have any questions about the positions, please schedule an appointment to meet with Ms. Navarro.

ST. COLUMBA'S HOLY OPEN: St. Columba's Annual Golf Tournament will be held on June 9, 2017 at the Admiral Baker Golf Course. This will also be our end of the year fundraiser and school get together. There will be a barbeque with refreshments, jumpies for the kids, and some cool raffle prizes. Please check out our website at www.stcolumbaholyopen.com for details and registration.

GAME SCHEDULE:

TEAM	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
Varsity Boys Soccer St. Columba vs. St. Gregory	4/29 1:00	Holy Trinity
Varsity Girls Basketball St. Columba vs. OLG (blue)	4/22 12:40	CCHS Court 2
Varsity Girls Basketball St. Columba vs. St. Martin	4/22 1:35	CCHS Court 2
JV Girls Basketball St. Columba vs. Stella Maris	4/22 9:55	CCHS Court 2
JV Girls Basketball St. Columba vs. Holy Trinity	4/22 3:50	Good Shepherd

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Apr 17-21	-Easter Vacation
Apr 24	- School Resumes
Apr 24-28	- 6 th Gr. Camp
Apr 25	- After School Band
Apr 26	- 8 th 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 Parish Hall

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

UPCOMING EVENTS	
Apr 29	- Honor Band Concert
May 3	- Ice Cream Social Family BBQ 5:30-7:00 - Spring Band Concert 6:15 pm
May 5	- May Crowning Mass Adoration Sunday's Best Attire
May 6	- 2 nd Gr. Retreat 9:00-Noon Ministry Center
May 7	- 7 th Gr. Applebee's Fundraiser
May 10	- 2 nd Gr. First Communion Rehearsal 6:30-8:00 pm Church
May 11	- Sports Banquet 5:30-7:00
May 13	- 1 st Holy Communion 10:00 am
May 20	- Mother & Son Game Night