



The Cougar Connection



Heavenly Father, we thank you for this school year. We ask that You watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead, and guide each day as You have done this past year. Help us to return to school with a new spirit and a new energy. We ask his through Your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS: We will 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.

A GIANT THANK YOU, to all our families, extended families, alumni, parishioners, men's club and friends without your wonderful support, St. Columba would cease to exist. Another very special thank you goes out to our fantastic PTG board members, and to all our parents who were so involved with organizing our fundraisers and different events through out the school year.. On top of that many, many families volunteered so much more than the required 25 service hours. We are truly blessed – what a fantastic testament to the importance of Catholic education for your children. You are always in our prayers. We wish everyone a very peaceful summer, filled with relaxation and fun, and we look forward to seeing all of you on August 28th, our first day of school.

THANK YOU: A special thank you to all the chair people, the PTG board who worked so many hours to make our last fundraiser of the school year a success. Thank you to all the families who worked their service hours or were able to give more of their time, it is all greatly appreciated! Thank you to all our families, parishioners, and friends who came out to support our golf tournament & family picnic.

THANK YOU: Thank you to our school support staff volunteers: Library – Mrs. Reinagel, our after school Spanish program Mrs. Perry, our school choir Mrs. Nelson, our 3rd grade Mrs. Gonzales and 5th grade teacher Mrs. Harkay. Without their gift of dedication and time we would not be able to offer our students these programs. Thank you so very much!

BINGO VOLUNTEERS: **Important reminder:** We are in need of volunteers for Friday's bingo! This is our biggest financial stability of our school and your help is needed. It's a great way to work off your service hours for the upcoming school year. Please contact the school office ASAP to start volunteering.

FIELD DAY: Monday, June 12th will be Field Day for our students grades K-7th from 10:30-11:45 with lots of activities. Students need to wear their PE uniform. Parents, if you can help, please join us!

HONOR ROLL & SAFETY PATROL AWARDS: We welcome you to join us for our 4th quarter honor roll for grades 5 through 7th & safety patrol assembly Tuesday, June 13th starting at 8:00 am.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Families,

We have been blessed to have such dedicated and gifted teachers at St. Columba throughout the years. I feel particularly fortunate to be working with such wonderful educators who want to make a difference in our world. The rewards we receive from the success of our students are very dear to us, and are taken very seriously. Catholic school teachers choose to teach in a faith-based educational system because it is here that we can speak and practice freely the word of our Lord, as well as give them a strong academic foundation.

As with other professions, our teachers move on for personal reasons. It was with sadness that we bid farewell to Mrs. Whiteman, our Kindergarten teacher. We will miss Mrs. Whiteman because she proved to be such a stellar teacher this year, but are happy she is still remaining in Catholic education. She will be moving to St. Francis in Vista. Mrs. Whiteman did a fantastic job preparing the Kindergarten class for first grade.

Miss Elizabeth Davis will be replacing Mrs. Whiteman as the Kindergarten teacher. Miss Davis is not new to St. Columba. She worked in the Kindergarten during Fall as a personal aide to a special needs student.

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MINIMUM DAYS: Monday, June 12th, Tuesday, June 13th and Wednesday, June 14th are all minimum days, 12:00 dismissal. Monday and Tuesday extended care is available from 12:00 – 6:00 pm. **Wednesday, June 14th extended care is NOT available. All students must be picked up by noon.**

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to our new Student Council members for 2017/2018 school year. **President: Lauren Kennedy, Vice President: Gabriel Vitug, Secretary: Teresa Temprendola, Religious Officer: Kent Vu, Athletic Officer: Lucia Bravence, Events Officer: Angelina Guerrero.**

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY: Happy Father's Day to all our Dads! Wishing you many blessings and much joy on your special day.

SCHOOL RE-REGISTRATION: We still have some families who have not registered for the upcoming school year. Registration helps us to plan for the upcoming school year. Please contact Ms. Navarro with any concerns.

GIFT CARDS: Keep ordering gift cards during the summer. All families are encouraged to use the online feature which is year round. Just go to www.shopwithscrip and follow the simple instructions. Use Presto Pay feature and your payment is debited from your checking account. If you still want to place your order by using the gift card order form, please stop by the school office.

LIBRARY BOOKS: Important reminder: All library books that have not been returned, must be returned by Monday, June 12th, or the cost of the book must be received. You can drop them off in the library or school office.

LOST AND FOUND: Parents, please check out the lost and found before Wednesday, June 14th anything not picked up by the last day of school will go to the uniform exchange. Also, if you have any uniforms that no longer fit your child, please drop them off for the uniform exchange. Thank you.

BACKPACK DONATIONS: We are collecting used backpacks for Ministry of Charity. If you have a backpack that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the school office next week. The backpacks will be filled with donated items and dropped off to the homeless during the summer.

Principal's Corner...

Beginning in January 2017, Miss Davis has been a frequent substitute teacher for Grades K-8. She comes to us well qualified and with lots of good energy and spirit. Let's welcome her graciously to the St. Columba family.

Blessings,

Ms. Navarro

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 12 - **Field Day 10:30-11:45**
Students wear PE uniforms
-Minimum Day 12:00

June 13 - **Honor Roll Assembly 8:00**
-**Kindergarten Pajama & Movie Day**
-**Minimum Day 12:00**

June 14 - **Appropriate Free Dress**
-**Kindergarten Graduation 8:30**
-**Last Day of School**
-**Minimum Day 12:00**
NO E.D.C.