



The Cougar Connection



Dear Mary, Mother of Jesus. Thank you for your example of great faith, courage and love. May we imitate the model that you have given to us as a disciple of Christ. Help us let go of our own desires and let God work within us. Amen.

PRAYERS: Our thoughts and prayers are with all the people who were affected by the tragedy in Las Vegas over this past weekend. We also keep in prayer all our families and extended families who are experiencing difficult times. We also give thanks in prayer for our many blessings.

COLUMBUS DAY/REGULAR SCHOOL DAY: Please note: **Columbus Day, Monday, October 9th is a regular school day. This is not a school holiday.**

MINIMUM DAY: Friday, October 13th is a minimum day, 12:00 dismissal. Extended care is available from 12:00-6:00 pm.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH/NO SCHOOL: Reminder: Mark your calendar! **Friday, October 20th** is a Teacher In-Service Day. School will be closed. **Please note:** If you have a preschooler they will be opened with a regular day from 6:30 – 6:00 pm.

FALL FESTIVAL: THE “COUNT DOWN” IS ON! Spread the Word. Get your raffle tickets – A CHANCE TO WIN A NEW TOYOTA! We welcome all our families, parishioners and friends to join us for 3 days of family fun. Starting Friday, October 13th starting with a delicious dinner from 6:00 – 10:00 pm, (all dinner orders must be received by October 11th) followed with games, dancing and lots of fun. Saturday, October 14th from 12:00 – 10:00 pm. Talent show from 12:30-2:00 pm/2:00 – 5:00 pm SIERS BROTHERS/5:30 – 6:30 pm GEN.X/7:00 – 9:00 PM BETAMAXX/9:00 – 10:00 DJ RICH REIL/ Sunday, October 15th starting with a delicious pancake breakfast from 8:00 – 11:00 am – 9:30 – 10:30 Open Air Mass – 10:30 – 4:00 pm more Fall Fest fun....11:30 am – 1:30 pm RELAX MAX/ 2:00 – 4:00 pm COYOTE BLUES REDEMPTION....and ending with the big drawing for a new TOYOTA will take place at 4:00 pm. Also, don’t forget to keep those confetti eggs coming in! This is one of our most popular booths, and we would hate to shut it down early. A big thank you to all our families, extended families, parishioners and friends who have helped to support one of our biggest fundraisers for our school. This would not be possible without everyone who has stepped up in one way or another!

FALL FEST 1ST ANNUAL PIE BAKING CONTEST: Like to bake??? Register to enter our very 1st pie baking contest Sunday, October 15th. Pies must be made from scratch, apples must be the primary ingredient (combo of ingredients is ok) and it must be a pie (no apple cakes, cookies, etc). Pies must be submitted by noon. Judging starts at 2:00 pm next to the Beer Garden. So be creative, and bring out your most delicious apple pie for all to enjoy. Any questions, please contact Ms. Navarro.

THANK YOU: A very special thank you to Marylou Scott for organizing the Comedy Palace event, and thank you to all the parents who supported this fundraiser to help raise funds for our St. Columba garden.

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Dear Families,

October 7th is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary and the month of October is traditionally the month of the rosary. It is during this time that we come together as a school and pray for our families, community, and peace on Earth. During the school week each grade prays a decade of the rosary each day. On October 30th, instead of regular school assembly the student body will form a living rosary. We welcome parents to come and join us for this special prayer service in our courtyard.

St. Columba has further extended its IXL resource support program for the Middle School Science curriculum. This program will assist the Science teachers to align their curriculum with the new NGSS Standards for Science. All students have access to this Science tutorial program with the same log in information that they have been assigned for IXL. We have seen a lot of success with the students who are frequently using IXL. We look forward to seeing the same results from its Science version.

St. Columba’s school and parish community have been putting forth countless hours into organizing the Fall Festival. This festival is one of our biggest fundraisers that generates good revenue to allow us to maintain our facilities, improve curriculum, and strengthen our budget. We depend on the support from our families to volunteer for this event so that it is a success. Due to the fact that all parent support is needed for this long weekend, St. Columba needs all its families to sign us for at least one shift.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER: We still have a few families who have not returned their child's comfort bag items or emergency information. If you have not returned important paper work or comfort bag items, please do so promptly. Thank you for your assistance in these important matters.

PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY: Picture make-up day is scheduled for Monday, November 6th. Please remember students having their picture taken on make-up day, must be in formal dress uniform including their cardigan/vest sweater.

GIFT CARDS: Keep purchasing gift cards! Gift cards make great gifts for the holidays, plan ahead and order them from St. Columba School. It's so easy and a great way to help support our school. To order online just go to www.shopwithscrip.com enter the school code: 5B7465D45922 and follow the simple instructions. Order forms are also available in the school office. Thank you to all our families, parishioners and friends who continue to support this program.

RED RIBBON WEEK: St. Columba will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week October 23rd through October 27th. The Student Council are planning special activities for this week.

JUNIOR HIGH HALLOWEEN DANCE: For grades 6th through 8th don't forget to mark your calendar for the Halloween Dance Saturday, October 28th from 6:00 – 9:00 pm in the parish hall.

HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS NEEDED FOR JUNIOR HIGH DANCE: St. Columba's Junior High is having their annual Halloween Dance on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 6-9pm. This dance is only open to St. Columba students, Grades 6-8 and invited junior high students from other Catholic Schools in our San Diego Diocese. Student Council is graciously requesting from school families to borrow any Halloween decorations you can spare for the one night. Please label each decoration with your family name and they can be picked up on October 30th from the school office. Decorations can be dropped off in the 7th grade classroom.

HALLOWEEN MINI CARNIVAL: We will celebrate Halloween Tuesday, October 31st with a mini carnival from 1:00-2:30 pm. Students can come dressed in their costumes. Please remember all costumes must be appropriate for school. No makeup or mask can be worn at school. Parent volunteers are needed to help make this afternoon fun for all.

EXTENDED CARE: Important reminder: If your child is on the school grounds before 7:45 am they must go to extended care, and if your child is on the grounds after 3:00 pm they must sign into extended care, and be signed out by a parent or guardian. We are concerned about everyone's safety and everyone needs to follow these guidelines. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

DRESS CODE: Reminder: All students coming to school need to be properly dressed in their school uniform. Only St. Columba jackets, sweatshirts and shirts must be worn. Shorts and pants need to be properly fitted for both boys and girls. Proper fitting socks need to be seen over the ankle. **No ankle socks!** Shoes need to be black, white or combination of these two colors only.....Thank you!

JV & VARSITY SPORT SCHEDULE:

Team	Date	Time	Location
Boys Varsity Football St. Columba vs. St Gregory	10/7	12:00	CCHS Stadium
Boys JV Football St. Columba vs. St. Martin	10/7	9:00	CCHS Stadium
Girls Varsity Volleyball St. Columba vs. Holy Trinity	10/7	12:30	Coast Court 3

Principal's Corner...

If you have not signed up to volunteer, you may do so by contacting volunteerstcolumba@aol.com or contact the school office.

On behalf of Fr. Ed and the entire St. Columba faculty and staff, I thank you for your continuous support towards helping us make your child's elementary experience a rewarding one. We look forward to seeing all our families at the Fall Festival. Blessings,
Ms. Navarro

DATES TO REMEMBER

- OCTOBER 9**
 - Regular School Day
 - Morning Assembly 8:00
 - Mad Science 2:55-3:55
- OCTOBER 10**
 - After School Band 2:55-4:55
 - Fall Fest Meeting 5:30-6:30
- OCTOBER 11**
 - Parents in Prayer 8:00-8:30 Library
 - After School Spanish
 - Gr. 1-2 3:00-3:30
 - Gr. 3-4 3:30-4:00
- OCTOBER 12**
 - After School Spanish
 - Gr. 5-7 3:00-3:30
- OCTOBER 13**
 - **All School Mass 8:15**
 - **Formal Dress Uniform**
 - **Minimum Day 12:00**
 - **FALL FEST Set-up/Dinner/Dancing 6:00-10:00**
- OCTOBER 14**
 - **FALL FEST 12:00-6:00**
- OCTOBER 15**
 - **Fall Fest Pancake Breakfast 8:00-11:00**
 - **Open Air Mass 9:30-10:30**
 - **Fall Fest Activities 12:00-4:00**
 - **Raffle Drawing 4:00 pm**
- OCTOBER 16-**
 - Morning Assembly 8:00
 - Mad Science 2:55-3:55
- OCTOBER 17-**
 - After School Band 2:55-5:20
- OCTOBER 18-**
 - Parents in Prayer 8:00-8:30 Library
 - After School Spanish
 - Gr. 1-2 3:00-3:30
 - Gr. 3-4 3:30-4:00
- OCTOBER 19-**
 - After School Spanish
 - Gr. 5-7 3:00-3:30
- OCTOBER 20-**
 - **No School Teacher In-Service**
- OCTOBER 21-**
 - CCHS Open House 10:00-1:00