



The Cougar Connection



Loving God, we pray especially for our First Communicants, who will celebrate this Holy Sacrament for the first time tomorrow. We ask that you bless these children and their families. Be with us always and help us to live the Gospel message in all we do. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS: We 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.

MASS: Reminder: There has been a date change for the last Mass in May. Our all school Mass will be Friday, May 26th starting at 8:15 am. We welcome you to join us.

ST. COLUMBA GOLF TOURNAMENT: Save the date! Coming soon is one of our biggest and last fundraisers of the school year. Come join the fun June 9th for the St. Columba Golf Tournament and Family Picnic with BBQ at Admiral Baker Park. Bring a dish to share! Come and enjoy lots of family activities and a great day of golf. **GOLFERS:** to play in the tournament just go to www.stcolumbaholyopen.com to sign up to play for ages 8 years and above. Together we can make this happen, and lots of **VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help make this event a great success so jump on board and sign-up. To sign-up to help go to <http://signup.com/go/Q3ab4u> review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like. It's easy and you will not need to register an account to keep a password on SignUp.com. Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone or contact karri Ameche at ameche@hotmail.com with any questions. Look for all the important information coming home today with your child.

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MINIMUM DAY: Friday, May 26th is a minimum day, 12:00 dismissal. Extended care is available from 12:00 – 6:00 pm.

MEMORIAL DAY/NO SCHOOL: Reminder: Monday, May 29th school and preschool will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to our St. Columba students and Religious education students on their First Holy Communion. They will celebrate their special sacrament this Saturday, May 13th at 10:00 am in the church. May God's blessings be theirs.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Families,

On behalf of the faculty I would like to extend my most sincere appreciation to all our Volunteers for supporting St. Columba this year. We attribute the success of our school year and fundraisers to the team effort from our families, students, faculty and staff, parishioners and of course the surrounding community. This team effort has allowed us to provide our students with a strong well-rounded faith-based education as well as memorable activities and events. We are in need of volunteers for the Golf Tournament. Please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/Q3ab4u>. This will be a good opportunity to fulfill the remainder of your service hours. St. Columba will continue to dedicate itself towards ensuring that its students come to learn the true meaning of being disciples of God and receive quality education that will prepare them for their future endeavors.

We are now half way through the fourth quarter with less than 4 weeks to complete the 2016/2017 school year. If you have any concerns about your child's grades, please contact their homeroom teacher as soon as possible. The last day for the Eighth graders is on Tuesday, May 30, 2017. All final assignments for the Eighth Grade are due by Friday, May 26, 2017.

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THANK YOU: A big thank you to **Kristy Wentworth** for her time and dedication in organizing this event, and the 7th grade parents and students who helped in some way to make the Applebee's fundraiser fun for the entire family. Thank you, to all the parents and parishioners who helped to support this 7th grade fundraiser for the 8th grade dinner/dance. Also congratulations to the raffle winners: Basket winners were; Pam Phillips, Cindy Webster, Bettie Alloway, and congratulations to Ryan Wentworth who will be principal for the day! A special thank you to **Cheryl Jones** (alumni parent) & family for all their time in setting up the hall and making it look amazing for our sports banquet, and to the **Kennedy's** for their time and dedication in organizing this event, and to the parents who helped in some way to make our sports banquet a fun night enjoyed by all. Also, thank you to all the coaches for all your time you have given to make our sports program happen!

MOTHER & SON GAME NIGHT: Mark your calendar! Our Mother & Son game night is just around the corner Saturday, May 20th from 5:00 – 8:00 pm in the parish hall. Join the fun-filled evening of pizza, games, prizes and much more! Tickets are \$15.00 per couple and \$5.00 for additional sons. If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Simmons at daniellesimmons@gmail.com.

MOTHER'S DAY: Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms! We wish you many blessings and much joy on your special day.

RE-REGISTRATION: Reminder: If you haven't completed and submitted the registration form for the upcoming school year, please do so as soon as possible. If you need a registration form, you can go online to the school website to download the form or stop by the school office to pick one up. The registration form needs to be returned with the registration fee of \$300.00 per child and the PTG family commitment of \$200.00. To resolve any registration issues, or concerns, please contact Ms. Navarro. Thank you.

GIFT CARDS: Keep ordering gift cards! You can either place your order by using the gift card order form or go online to www.shopwithscrip.com and follow the simple instructions. If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Thank you to all the parents and parishioners who use the gift card program on a regular basis. Your support is greatly appreciated.

JV GIRLS BASKETBALL: Come out and show your support as our JV basketball girls play their last game this Saturday, May 13th starting at 3:40 at Good Shepherd in Mira Mesa. JV girls will play against OLG. Go team! Also congratulations to our Varsity girls basketball for great team work and sportsmanship in playing your final tournament.

SPORTS JERSEY'S: For all the students who participated in sports this school year, and you haven't turned in your jersey, please do so promptly. Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD: Please note: Our last day of school is Wednesday, June 14th, this is also a minimum day, 12:00 dismissal. All students need to be picked up by noon. Extended care will not be available.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: As part of the 2016/2017 Tuition Contract, there are 25 service hours required by each St. Columba family. All service hours were to have been met by April 1, 2017. In lieu of fulfilling the 25 service hours, families were given the option for a \$250.00 buy out. All unfilled service hours will be prorated and billed through FACTS on June 9, 2017. Please make sure all your volunteer hours have been logged in the Volunteer Book that is with Miss Linda. Thank you.

Principal's Corner...

The last fundraiser and community celebration will be held on Friday, June 9, 2017 at Admiral Baker Park. We are still in need of more golfers for the Golf Tournament. Please visit the Golf Tournament website at www.stcolumbaholyopen.com. Following the golf tournament will be our end of the year family barbeque. Hope to see many of you there.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Beautiful Moms!
In Christ,

Ms. Navarro

DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 13 -First Holy Communion
10:00
- May 14 -Happy Mother's Day
- May 16 -After School Band
-Golf Committee
Meeting 5:30-6:30
- May 17 -Parents in Prayer
8:00-8:30 Library
-After School Spanish
Gr. 1-4 3:30-4:00
- May 17-19 - 8th Gr. Sea Camp
Off to Catalina
- May 18 -After School Spanish
Gr.5-7 3:30-4:00
- May 19 -All School Mass 8:15
- May 20 - Mother & Son Game
Night 5:30-8:00
- May 23 -8th Gr. Disneyland
-After School Band
- May 24 -Parents in Prayer
8:00-8:30 Library
-After School Spanish
Gr. 1-4 3:30-4:00
- May 25 -8th Gr. Ribbon Ceremony
-After School Spanish
Gr. 5-8 3:30-4:00
- May 26 -All School Mass 8:15
-Minimum Day 12:00
- May 29 -No School/Memorial Day
- May 30 -After School Band
-Last Day for 8th Grade
- May 31 -Parents in Prayer
8:00-8:30 Library
-After School Spanish
Gr. 1-4 3:30-4:00
- Jun 9 -**St. Columba's Golf
Tournament, BBQ,
Family Picnic**