



The Cougar Connection



Heavenly Father, we thank you for our blessings and ask that You grant all people with a vision of peace. Help us to see more clearly the gift we are to the world and to share that gift with others as we help to build Your kingdom. We ask through Jesus Your Son. 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.

MASS: We welcome you to join us every Friday for our all school Mass starting at 8:15 am. Students need to be in formal dress uniform.

PARENTS IN PRAYER: Parents, we welcome you to join us for our Wednesday morning parents in prayer group in the library from 8:00-8:30 am as we pray for our children, families, faculty and staff.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY/NO SCHOOL: Monday, January 15th, school and preschool will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

BISHOP FLORES SCHOLARS FUND: To all our St. Columba families we encourage you to go to Bishop Flores Scholars Tuition Assistance Program, and apply for assistance. Application forms are available online at <http://www.bishopfloresscholars.org> Deadline for student applications are February 28th. Tuition assistance awards will be finalized March 23rd. Schools and families will be notified via email late March – early April. Important reminder; you do not apply through FACTS!

6TH GRADE SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER DINNER: Invite family and friends to join us Saturday, January 27th for our 6th grade spaghetti dinner from 4:30 – 8:30 pm in the parish hall. All meals include; salad, bread, non-alcoholic drink, and dessert. Pre-order tickets are \$10.00 for adults, and children 11 & under are \$5.00. Pre-sale drink tokens (beer & wine) are \$5.00. Tokens will be available for pick-up at “will call” night of dinner. All pre-sale order must be received in the school office by Thursday, January 25th. Tickets at the door are \$11.00 for adults, child (11 & under) \$6.00, beer or wine tokens \$6.00. You can also purchase tickets after the 9:30 Mass this Sunday, January 14th and next Sunday, January 21st. Tickets can also be purchased at Ascension after the Masses this Saturday, January 13th and on Sunday, January, 14th or you can also stop by the office to pick-up an order form, and place your order.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE: One of the most important weeks of our school year is the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. We celebrate a school dedicated to living and teaching the gospel message of Jesus Christ, and celebrate our uniqueness as a family community. We want to welcome our St. Columba families, friends and parishioners to join us Sunday, January 28th for 9:30 Mass. Students will be doing the Sunday readings at this special Mass. Following Mass our Open House will be from 10:30 – 12:00. We invite you to visit our classrooms, preschool and computer lab. Bring a family who might be interested in finding out more about our school and the gift that lasts a lifetime – Catholic education. Also, on Saturday, January 28th, The American Red Cross will be here once again for our 2nd annual blood drive from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. To schedule your appointment, visit redcrossblood.org. use sponsor code: St. Columba or stop by the school office to register.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 15-

- No School/Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

JANUARY 16-

- After School Band 2:55-4:55

JANUARY 17-

- 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
- Gr. 2 Parent Talks

**Reconciliation 7:00-8:00
Ministry Center**

JANUARY 18-

- Mythology Club Gr. 3-8 3:00-3:30
- Spanish Gr. 5-8 3:30-4:00

JANUARY 19-

- All School Mass 8:15/Formal Dress Uniform

JANUARY 20-

- Catholic High Schools Entrance Exams

JANUARY 22-

- Morning Assembly 8:00

JANUARY 23-

- After School Band 2:55-4:55

JANUARY 24-

- Parents in Prayer 8:00-8:30 Library
- Spanish Gr. 1-2 3:00-3:30/Gr.3-4 3:30-4:00

JANUARY 25-

- Mythology Club Gr. 3-8 3:00-3:30
- Spanish Gr. 5-8 3:30-4:00

JANUARY 26-

- All School Mass 8:15
- Formal Dress Uniform
- STAR Testing Ends

GRANDPARENTS DAY: Friday, February 2nd is Grandparents Day! We welcome all our grandparents to join us starting with Mass at 8:15, followed by a Continental Breakfast from 9:15 – 10:00 am – recess 10:00-10:15, and 10:30 – 11:30 students will perform for our grandparents, and ending the day with grandparents visiting the classrooms from 11:30 –12:00. Also, it would be very helpful if you would contact the office by Monday, January 29th, so we can get an idea of approximately how many will be attending. Thank you.

FRESHMAN PLACEMENT EXAMS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: Saturday, January 20th placement exams will take place for Catholic Schools. Our prayers and best wishes go out to all the 8th graders who will be taking these exams.

GIFT CARDS: Thank you to all our families and parishioners who support this program for our school. If you want to order and need an order form, please stop by the office to pick one up or go online to www.shopwithscrip.com. Enter the new school code D6D72A8L5922, and follow the simple instructions.

LOOKING AHEAD: Gala 2018 is fast approaching! Invite family and friends to join us Saturday, March 10th at the Four Points by Sheraton located at 8110 Aero Drive. Tickets for the drawing were sent home December 22nd with your child. Each family received 10 tickets, and we need every family to commit to purchasing these tickets. The drawing for \$5,000.00 is the main prize of the event. If each of our families reach out and support this drawing our goal can become a reality. To help make this event a great success we need everyone’s support.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: Mark your calendar! Scholastic Book Fair begins January 28th through February 2nd. This is a great school event that encourages the love of reading, and helps to get supplies and books for our classrooms. A very special thank you to Sonia Ortega for organizing this year’s book fair. Volunteers are needed! More information will be coming home soon.

SPORTS SCHEDULES:

Team	Date/Time	Location
KG Soccer St. Columba vs. St. Charles	1/13 10:20	St. Michael’s Field 1
1st & 2nd Gr. Boys & Girls St. Columba vs. Good Shepherd	1/13 11:15	St. Therese
3rd & 4th Gr. Boys & Girls St. Columba vs. St. Michael’s	1/13 11:15	St. Michael’s Field 2
Girls Varsity Soccer St. Columba vs. St. Gregory	1/13 12:00	Holy Trinity
JV Boys Basketball (gold) St. Columba vs. Madeleine (red)	1/13 9:15	CCHS Court 1
JV Boys Basketball (gold) St. Columba vs. St. Therese	1/18 5:30 pm	Christ Lutheran
JV Boys Basketball (green) St. Columba vs. Madeleine (red)	1/13 8:30	CCHS Court 1
JV Boys Basketball (green)	1/18 4:45 pm	Christ Lutheran
Boys Varsity Basketball St. Columba vs. Christ Lutheran	1/13 12:15	Good Shepherd
Boys Varsity Basketball St. Columba vs. St. Vincent	1/13 1:45	Good Shepherd

Important reminder: If you still haven’t paid the sports fee, please do so promptly. If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 27-

- **6th Gr. Spaghetti Dinner**
Parish Hall 4:30-8:30

JANUARY 28-

- **Catholic Schools Week Begins**
- **Mass 9:30**
- **Open House 10:30-12:00**
- **Blood Drive 9:00 am-3:00 pm**

JANUARY 28- FEBRUARY 2-

- Scholastic Book Fair

JANUARY 29-

- Morning Assembly 8:00
- Spirit Day

JANUARY 30-

- Student Appreciation Day
- After School Band 2:55-4:55

JANUARY 31-

- Parents in Prayer 8:00-8:30
Library
- Spanish Gr. 1-2 3:00-3:30/Gr.3-4 3:30-4:00

SAVE THE DATES

FEBRUARY 24 –

- Father/Daughter Dance

MARCH 10-

- GALA 2018