



# The Cougar Connection



*Lord, teach me to be patient, with life, with people and with myself. Teach me to trust Your sense of timing rather than my own, and to surrender my will to your greater and wiser plan. Teach me to slow down enough to appreciate life and all it holds. Amen.*

## **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER:**

Dear Families,

On behalf of the entire St. Columba Community I would like to extend my Congratulations to the Class of 2018. We are proud of the many accomplishments that the students in this class have achieved throughout their years at St. Columba. It is the mission of Catholic education to prepare our students with a foundation that will allow them to go forth in life with a strong faith in God and themselves. It is our hope and prayer that through faith, St. Columba's graduates will use their gifts wisely to be personally successful and to share their talents and gifts with others less fortunate.

St. Columba's Class of 2018 will graduate on Saturday, June 9, 2018. We send them off with the best of wishes for a bright future and pray God will continue to bless each graduate with love, peace, and happiness.

The last week of school will be a busy one for us. On Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, following the Student Assembly, I will host one last Coffee with the Principal. Please come and join me for some coffee and treats. There will also be field day for Grades K-7 led by the YMCA and teachers. Students are allowed to wear their PE uniforms all day. The teachers and graduates will have their annual volleyball game beginning at 1:30pm. We welcome you to join us.

On Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, students are allowed to wear free dress. "Move it On Up Day" is scheduled on this day from 1:00-1:30pm. Students will move on up to the next grade level and get to know their teacher and a preview of what to expect for the 2018/2019 school year.

Friday is the last day of the 2018/2019 school year. Following Mass we will hold the Honor Roll/ Awards Ceremony in church.

Blessings,

*Ms. Navarro*

**PRAYERS:** Please continue to keep in prayer all our families and extended families who are experiencing difficult times. Our St. Columba community is a true blessing.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you, to all our families, extended families, alumni, parishioners, men's club and friends for all your wonderful support throughout the year. Another very special thank you goes out to our fantastic **PTG board members** for all their hard work and many hours spent in making our biggest fundraisers so successful, and to all our parents who help with all the many different events.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **June 4-**

- Morning Assembly 8:00
- Coffee w/Principal
- 10:30-11:45 Field Day
- 12:50 Yearbook Signing
- 1:45 Volleyball Game Teachers vs. 8<sup>th</sup> Gr.

### **June 5-**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat

### **June 6-**

- Parents in Prayer 8:00-8:30 Library
- PTG Board Meeting 5:30-6:30

### **June 7-**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner/Dance 6:00-10:00 pm

### **June 8-**

- All School Mass 8:15/Honor Roll Gr. 5-7/Safety Patrol certificates
- 10:30 KG Graduation
- Last Day of School
- Minimum Day 12:00
- EDC 12:00-6:00 pm

### **June 9-**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 10:00
- St. Columba's Feast Day Celebration/free BBQ after the 5:30 Mass School Courtyard

### **June 10-**

- St. Columba's Feast Day Celebration after the 9:30 Mass in the Church Hall

### **June 17-**

- Happy Father's Day

On top of that many families volunteered so much more than the required 25 service hours. We are truly blessed! What a true testament to the importance of Catholic Education for your children. We wish everyone a very peaceful summer, filled with relaxation and fun, and we look forward to seeing all of you on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, our first day of school.

Thank you to our school support staff, volunteers: Special thank you to **Mrs. Perry** for our after school Spanish program, our school choir **Mrs. Nelson**, our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher **Mrs. Gonzales** and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher **Mrs. Harkay**. Without their gift of time and dedication we would not be able to offer our students these programs. Last but not least, a big thank you to **Kristina Campbell** and **Yolanda Vargas** for all their many, many hours organizing Friday Night Bingo for our school. Thank you so very much!

**MASS:** We welcome you to join us for our last school Mass of the year, Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:15. Students need to be in formal dress uniform. Following Mass, Honor Roll & Safety Patrol Awards will be presented for grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>.

**MINIMUM DAY:** Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> is a minimum day, 12:00 dismissal. Extended care is available from 12:00 – 6:00 pm.

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:** This is a very busy time in the lives of our St. Columba 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This week they've had a very special 8<sup>th</sup> grade ribbon ceremony, and enjoyed a fun day at Disneyland. They will finish off their special activities with yearbook signing & volleyball game, June 4<sup>th</sup>, dinner/dance, June 7<sup>th</sup>, and graduation June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**FIELD DAY:** Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> is Field Day for our students grades K – 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 – 12:00 with lots of activities. Students need to wear their PE uniforms. Parents, if you can help, please join us!

**ST. COLUMBA'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION:** Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> please join us as we celebrate St. Columba's Feast Day. After the 5:30 Mass join us in the school courtyard for a free BBQ, and on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, please join us for the 9:30 Mass followed by a celebration in the parish hall.

**"SHARE THE JOURNEY":** Reminder: St. Columba will "Share the Journey" by collecting small household and personal items which will be donated to the Catholic Charities Office of Refugee and Immigrant Services. You can drop off items in the church vestibule or the rectory from June 3<sup>rd</sup> through June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please note: we cannot accept furniture, appliances, clothing or food. Flyers were sent home last Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> with a list of items they are in need of. Thank you.

**SCHOOL RE-REGISTRATION:** If you have not registered for the 2018-2019 school year, please do so promptly and help us to plan for the upcoming school year.

## LOST& FOUND

Uniforms and miscellaneous clothing are accumulating in the lost and found. Stop by the office if your child is missing any items. All items unclaimed by June 8<sup>th</sup> will be taken 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.

## BINGO VOLUNTEERS

With summer just ahead...we are in need of volunteers for Friday's Bingo! One of our biggest financial stability of our school is Friday night Bingo! Bingo continues throughout the summer and to help make this happen we need YOU! It's a great way to work off your service hours for the upcoming school year. Please contact the school office to start volunteering.