



St. Catherine School Weekly Newsletter

Week of December 9th -13th

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Principal's Message

Dear St. Catherine Families,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to share an exciting update with you regarding the potential addition of a daycare facility at St. Catherine School. After much discussion, our Board of Education has recommended pursuing a school-owned and operated daycare model to address the growing childcare needs in our community.

While this is an exciting development, I want to emphasize that this is a preliminary plan. There is significant work ahead to determine the feasibility of this initiative and to ensure it aligns fully with the mission and values of St. Catherine School. Our immediate goals include:

- Finalizing a business and operations plan by **February 1, 2025**.
- Securing start-up funding and completing necessary preparations to make the daycare sustainable.
- Preparing the downstairs area for the anticipated renovations and licensing requirements.

We are tentatively targeting a hopeful opening date of **June 1, 2025**, pending the completion of all necessary work and approval from key stakeholders.

We value your input and support as we move forward with this initiative. If you have questions or suggestions about the daycare project, please don't hesitate to reach out. Your thoughts and feedback are invaluable as we explore this opportunity to further serve our school families and the wider community.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Catherine School and its mission. We look forward to keeping you updated on the progress of this exciting endeavor.

In Christ,

Nick Lee (Principal)

Reminders

- **December 19th:** All-School Mass @ 10:30 (with Guest Lunch). **Note:** This is a change from the original date of December 12th.
- **December 20th:** Last day of school before Christmas Break.
- **January 2nd:** Classes resume after Christmas Break.
- **December 17th:** Advent Reconciliation Service for Catholic families at **7:00 PM**.
- **PE Reminder:** A reminder from Mrs. Johnston to wear **tennis shoes for PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays**. Please help your child avoid wearing comfy shoes or Ugg-style boots on PE days to ensure they are ready to participate in class activities. Thank you for staying on top of this!
- **Classroom Plans:** Please be sure to check in with your child's classroom teacher about plans for the week before Christmas Break. Often, fun activities and special events are happening, and we don't want kids to feel disappointed if they miss out.

St. Catherine Spotlight

This week, we celebrate the incredible generosity, faith, and community spirit demonstrated by our students, staff, and supporters:

- **Catholic Daughters and "Our Family Labels":** We are so grateful to the Catholic Daughters for their "Our Family Labels" program, which directly supports our school. Every **UPC code** from an Our Family-branded product can help—just drop them off in the **CDA corner** at the church or at the school office during office hours. Today, Catholic Daughter members visited our chapel and presented a generous check for **\$200**, representing **2,000 labels!** Thank you, Catholic Daughters, for your service to our school.
- **Sharing Christmas Cheer:** This week, our students brought Christmas cheer and spirit to the residents of St. Raphael as they performed songs from their Christmas program. A big thank-you to Ms. Busch and the classroom teachers for organizing this meaningful opportunity to spread joy and love to our community.
- **A Beautiful Act of Faith:** During recess this week, some of our students (several third graders for sure) displayed a profound act of faith. When they saw a funeral processional passing by, they all took a knee and prayed a quick **Hail Mary** for the soul of the departed.

This simple yet powerful moment is a testament to the faith and compassion nurtured in our school community.

Moments like these remind us why St. Catherine School is such a special place where faith, learning, and service thrive.



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