

# St. Catherine Catholic School



Providing a Christ centered education and a strong Catholic foundation where children can strengthen their relationship with God.

July 13, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited for the new school year! We have been busy cleaning classrooms, painting, ordering textbooks, and more for the start of school on August 9<sup>th</sup>. We are monitoring the information about COVID-19. Our goal is to always ensure the safety of our children, teachers, and staff members. We will be following the recommendations of the CDC and the Diocese of Venice regarding protocol for schools. As of the writing of this letter, I have not received any official word about masks, social distancing, etc. When I do, I will pass the information along to you. As of now, St. Catherine will have all classes in person, no online option is available.

- “Meet the Teachers” is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** for all families, Pre K 3 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Parents and students are welcome to visit classrooms, bring supplies, and meet teachers.
- First day of school is **Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**. This is a full-day of school, with after-care available.
- Drop off in the morning is between 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. in the front of the school. Your student is considered tardy if they arrive after 8:00 a.m. Students will be dismissed following afternoon prayer and announcements, which is generally around 3:05 p.m. Parents who are picking up their child(ren) should be in the parent pick-up lane (behind the school) no later than 3:15 p.m.
- All vehicles need to have the hangtag with the family’s last name visible to the Faculty who are helping with parent pick-up.
- Uniform information was sent out on June 24<sup>th</sup>. It is also included again with this information.
- **August 17<sup>th</sup> is our Home & School Meeting**, where more school information will be shared. Parents are required to attend. The meeting is at 6 PM in the Parish Hall.
- We will continue with our Children’s Mass, most Fridays at 2:00 PM. Mass will be for all grade levels - parents are always welcome. Please watch for the monthly calendars that will include our weekly and special Mass schedules.
- Hot lunches will again be provided by Havana Bakery. Children receive the lunch and bottle of water for \$5.00. Lunch menus will be available on our website and will be sent through email.

Your child should be working on their “Summer Packet” for next year. Please contact Ms. Vianey Gonzalez, our receptionist, at (863) 385-7300, or by email, [gonzalez@stcatheschool.org](mailto:gonzalez@stcatheschool.org) if you need a packet.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce a few new Faculty members. Mr. Steve Cullipher will be our new Assistant Principal. Mr. Cullipher has been with St. Catherine School for over 3 years as the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher. Mr. Cullipher recently completed his master’s degree in Educational Leadership and is looking forward to assisting our faculty and families as needed. Mrs. Frances Shipman, who was with us last year as our Title 1 Teacher, will be the new 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher. Mrs. Shipman did an excellent job with our students last year and we are looking forward to having her full-time in the classroom!

It is important that if you have not re-enrolled your child for next year, please do so as soon as possible so that we can adequately plan. We have scholarships and financial aid available for families that qualify. If you have questions about re-enrolling or the scholarships that are available, please contact Mrs. Mendez at [mendez@stcatheschool.org](mailto:mendez@stcatheschool.org)

I look forward to the new school year and seeing the children August 9<sup>th</sup>. Until then, please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Dr. Christine Higgins*

Dr. Christine Higgins  
Principal  
(863)385-7300, ext. 221

# St. Catherine Catholic School



Providing a Christ centered education and a strong Catholic foundation where children can strengthen their relationship with God.

13 de julio del 2021

Estimados padres y tutores,

¡Estamos emocionados por el nuevo año escolar! Hemos estado ocupados limpiando aulas, pintando, ordenando libros y más para el inicio de la escuela el 9 de agosto. Estamos monitoreando la información sobre COVID-19. Nuestro objetivo es garantizar siempre la seguridad de nuestros niños, maestros y miembros del personal. Con respecto al protocolo para las escuelas, estaremos siguiendo las recomendaciones del CDC y la Diócesis de Venice. Al momento de escribir esta carta, no he recibido ninguna palabra oficial sobre máscaras, distanciamiento social, etc. Cuando lo haga, les pasaré la información. A partir de ahora, Santa Catalina tendrá todas las clases en persona, no hay opción en línea disponible.

- "Meet the Teachers"/ "Conozca a los Maestros" está programado para el **miércoles 4 de agosto, de 4:30 p.m. a 6:30 p.m.** para todas las familias, Pre K 3 – 8<sup>th</sup> grados. Los padres y los estudiantes son bienvenidos a visitar las aulas, traer suministros y conocer a los maestros.
- El primer día de clases es el **lunes 9 de agosto**. Este es un día completo de escuela, con cuidado disponible después de la escuela.
- La entrega por la mañana es entre las 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. en el frente de la escuela. Su estudiante es considerado tardío si llega después de las 8:00 a.m. Los estudiantes serán despedidos después de la oración y los anuncios de la tarde, que generalmente es alrededor de las 3:05 p.m. Los padres que están recogiendo a sus hijos deben estar en el carril de recogida de padres (detrás de la escuela) a más tardar a las 3:15 p.m.
- Todos los vehículos deben tener la etiqueta colgante con el apellido de la familia visible para la Facultad que están ayudando con la recogida de los padres.
- La información sobre los uniformes fue enviada el 24 de junio. También se incluye de nuevo con esta información.
- **El 17 de agosto es nuestro Hogar y Reunión Escolar**, donde se compartirá más información sobre la escuela. Los padres están obligados a asistir. La reunión es a las 6 PM en el Salón Parroquial.
- Continuaremos con nuestra Misa con los Niños, la mayoría de los viernes a las 2:00 PM. La Misa será para todos los grados, los padres siempre son bienvenidos. Por favor, esté atento al calendario mensual que incluirá semanalmente información especial y el calendario de las Misas.
- Los almuerzos calientes serán proporcionados nuevamente por Havana Bakery. Los niños reciben el almuerzo y la botella de agua por \$ 5.00. Los menús del almuerzo estarán disponibles en nuestro sitio web y se enviarán por correo electrónico.

Su hijo debe estar trabajando en su "Paquete de verano" para el próximo año. Si necesita un paquete por favor, póngase en contacto con la Sta. Vianey González, nuestra recepcionista, al (863) 385-7300, o por correo electrónico, [gonzalez@stcatheschool.org](mailto:gonzalez@stcatheschool.org)

Me gustaría aprovechar esta oportunidad para presentar a algunos nuevos miembros de la Facultad. El Sr. Steve Cullipher será nuestro nuevo Subdirector. El Sr. Cullipher ha estado con la Escuela de Santa Catalina por más de 3 años como el maestro del 3er grado. El Sr. Cullipher completó recientemente su Maestría en Educación y está deseando ayudar a nuestra facultad y a familias según sea necesario. La Sra. Frances Shipman, quien estuvo con nosotros el año pasado como nuestra Maestra de Título 1, será la nueva maestra del 3er grado. ¡La Sra. Shipman hizo un excelente trabajo con nuestros estudiantes el año pasado y estamos deseando tenerla tiempo completo en el aula!

Es importante que, si no ha inscrito de nuevo a su hijo para el próximo año escolar, por favor hágalo lo antes posible para que podamos planificar adecuadamente. Tenemos becas y ayuda financiera disponible para las familias que califican. Si tiene preguntas sobre la reinscripción o las becas que están disponibles, comuníquese con la Sra. Méndez en [mendez@stcatheschool.org](mailto:mendez@stcatheschool.org)

Espero con ansias el nuevo año escolar y ver a los niños el 9 de agosto. Hasta entonces, póngase en contacto con nosotros si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud.

Atentamente suyo en Cristo,

**Dra. Christine Higgins**

Dra. Christine Higgins

Principal

(863)385-7300, extensión 221

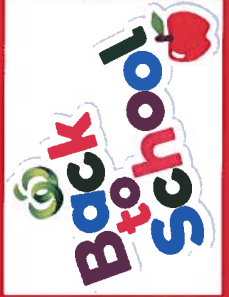


# August 2021

1									
2	Welcome Back Teachers! Teacher Work Days								
3	Teacher Work Day								
4	Teacher Work Day	Pre K 3—8 "Meet the Teachers" 4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.							
5	Teacher Work Day								
6	Teacher Work Day								
7									
8									
9	First Day for Students 7:30 -3:00 p.m. Aftercare Begins, 3:30—6:00 p.m.								
10									
11									
12									
13									
14									
15	Feast of the Assumption								
16									
17	Mandatory Home & School Meeting at the Parish Hall 6 PM								
18									
19									
20									
21									
22									
23	STAR 360 Testing this week-Math & Reading								
24									
25									
26									
27									
28									
29									
30	STAR 360 Testing this week-Math & Reading								
31	After-school Clubs Sign Up during Lunches—CAFE								

St. Catherine  
Catholic School  
2835 Kenilworth Blvd  
Sebring, FL 33870  
Pre-K & Kindergarten  
747 S. Franklin St.  
Sebring, FL 33870

Phone: 863-385-7300  
Fax: 863-385-7310  
E-mail: [higgins@stcatheschool.org](mailto:higgins@stcatheschool.org)  
Website: [www.stcatheschool.org](http://www.stcatheschool.org)  
*Follow us on Social Media!*



August 2021

Dear St. Catherine Families,

A warm welcome to all our families – those who may be returning and those who have just joined our “family” of St. Catherine’s. The entire Faculty & Staff are looking forward to working with the children this year, helping them to grow academically and spiritually.

Some important highlights for the month of August include our “Meet the Teachers” on August 4<sup>th</sup>, our first day of school on August 9<sup>th</sup>, and our “Home & School” Meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

“Meet the Teachers” on August 4<sup>th</sup>: We look forward to meeting you and your child(ren), feel free to bring in your child’s school supplies at that time. Teachers will be available between 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. PreK 3 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

August 9<sup>th</sup>: The first day of school! Parents may drop off students between 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Bus transportation to Lake Placid, Avon Park, and Wauchula begins August 9<sup>th</sup> for all our bus riders. This is a full-day of school, with after-care available.

“Home & School” Meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup>: Parents are required to attend this first meeting of the year to receive more school information. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall located on Hickory Street across from St. Catherine Catholic Church.

Drop-off in the morning is at the front of the school. Parent pickup is at the back of the school. Please use the road behind the shopping center.

On August 31, we will have our school clubs on display during lunch so that children can receive more information and signup for clubs they may be interested in. All clubs meet after school from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Parents would need to pick up their child after the club.

Our Children’s Masses will be held at 2:00 p.m. most Fridays and all Holy Days, if we are in school. Families are always welcome.

My apologies if any of our August Birthdays were missed! As of the printing of this letter, some families were still enrolling.

*Dr. Christine Higgins*

Principal

**August Birthdays**

James Roman	8/6	Julio Sanchez	8/25
Maria Cruz	8/10	Madison Tokarz	8/27
Olivia Franjul	8/12	Nolan Graham	8/29
Gabriel Novilla	8/17	Mia Trinidad	8/30
Lucas Martinez	8/18	Deena Carrero	8/30
Daisy Herrera-Fabian	8/19		
Jahleah Corrielus	8/22		

# St. Catherine Catholic School



Providing a Christ centered education and a strong Catholic foundation where children can strengthen their relationship with God.

## Preschool

### Girls - Monday through Thursday:

- Gray gym shirt with logo
- Navy blue knit shorts with logo
- Plain navy blue sweatpants with logo
- Navy blue socks and Black solid sneakers

### Girls – Friday for Mass:

- White peter pan blouse with logo
- Navy blue criss cross tie
- Navy blue pull on pants
- Navy blue socks and black dress shoes

### Boys – Monday through Thursday:

- Gray gym shirt with logo
- Navy blue knit shorts with logo
- Plain navy blue sweatpants with logo
- Navy blue socks and Black solid sneakers

### Boys – Friday for Mass:

- White s/s oxford with logo
- Navy blue pull on pants
- Navy blue clip on tie
- Navy blue socks and black dress shoes

## Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

- Girls - Mass and daily uniform:
- Navy blue jumper with logo
- White peter pan blouse with school initials
- Navy blue criss cross tie
- Navy blue socks and black dress shoes

### Boys – Monday through Thursday:

- White S/S polo with logo
- Navy blue shorts/ pants
- Navy blue socks and Black solid sneakers

**Boys- Friday for Mass:**

- White s/s oxford with logo
- Navy blue pull on pants
- Navy blue clip on tie
- Navy blue socks and black dress shoes

**3rd through 5th Grade****Girls – Monday through Thursday:**

- Red polo with logo
- Navy blue skort
- Navy blue socks and black dress shoes

**Girls – Friday for Mass:**

- White S/S oxford with logo
- Navy blue skort
- Navy blue criss cross tie
- Navy blue socks and Black dress shoes

**Boys – Monday through Thursday:**

- Red polo with logo
- Navy blue shorts / pants
- Navy blue socks and Black solid sneakers

**Boys – Friday for Mass:**

- White S/S oxford with logo
- Navy blue pants
- Navy blue clip on tie
- Navy blue socks and Black dress shoes

**6th through 8th Grade****Girls – Monday through Thursday**

- Navy blue polo with logo
- Khaki skort
- Navy blue socks and Black dress shoes

**Girls – Friday for Mass:**

- White S/S oxford with logo
- Khaki skort



- Navy Blue criss cross tie
- Navy blue socks and Black dress shoes

**Boys – Monday through Thursday:**

- Navy blue polo with logo
- Khaki shorts/ pants
- Navy blue socks and Black solid sneakers

**Boys – Friday for Mass:**

- White S/S oxford with logo
- Khaki pants
- Navy blue clip on tie
- Navy blue socks and Black dress shoes

**All Students Kindergarten through 8th grade on Gym days**

**Students must wear the gym uniform for the full day on gym days.**

- Gray gym shirt with logo
- Navy blue knit shorts with logo
- Navy blue zip-hooded sweatshirts with logo
- Navy blue sweatpants with logo
- Navy blue socks
- Black solid sneakers

**Girls are NOT allowed to wear any shorts with regular uniform days.**