



East Catholic Newsletter

The Mission of East Catholic School is to develop God's children from pre-K through 8th grade both academically and spiritually.

Notes from the Principal



It's hard to believe that August is here and that the opening of school is right around the corner. A reminder that students are to be in their homerooms by 8 a.m. Any student coming after that time will be marked tardy. Remember that this goes on a student's permanent record card. We often get requests for records from

employers years after a student has graduated. If your child is absent please call the school by 8 a.m. This will avoid us having to call to see why your child is not in school. Spinners and other gadgets or toys are not to be brought to school. They are a distraction to students and teachers.

August Events

August 21

Back to School Picnic
6-8pm



August 28 (Gr. 1-8)

First Day (Full Day)

August 30

Parent Orientation 7pm

***Kindergarten families will be notified of their start dates separately.*

September Events

September 4

No School, Labor Day

September 11 & 12

School Pictures

September 12-15

Iowa Standardized Testing for grades 2,4,6

September 18-22

Standardized Testing for grades 2-8

September 25-29

Book Fair

September 29

Donuts with Dad

Mercy Fun Day

September 28

Early Dismissal 12:30pm

Faculty Meeting

October Events

October 26

Preschool Storytime

October 27

No School for Students

Faculty Inservice

October 30

No School for Students

Clerical Day

WELCOME BACK!

School will begin on Monday, August 28, 2017 for students in grades 1-8. **Students should report to the cafeteria by 7:50 a.m.** The students and teachers will go up to Church at 8 a.m. for a prayer service and the assignment of homerooms. This will be a **full day** for students. Lunch will be served.

Students may dress down for the first four days of school. No short shorts or skirts are permitted. No tank tops are permitted. Students are attending school so should dress accordingly. Also, students must wear socks and wear shoes that are closed in the front and in the back – no sandals or clogs are permitted.

Uniforms must be worn beginning on Friday, September 1. Students may wear uniform shorts.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Students received a copy of the supply list at the end of the school year. If you lost it, be sure to check the web page, www.eastcatholicschool.org for the information.

If you buy any of the supplies at Office Depot please use the School ID number: 70088339. The school receives a 5% rebate which is used for various items during the school year.



New Student Registration 2017-18 School Year

We are still accepting registrations for the upcoming school year. Do you know a family that still hasn't decided on a school for their child. Tell them about us!

Call the school office for registration information today!

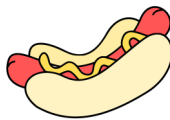
We have openings from preschool thru 8th grade.

Back to School Picnic

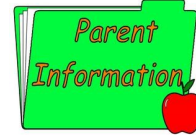


Join the Faculty and school families for a fun evening! Due to the wonderful turnout in the past, this is now an annual event! Our picnic will be held on **Monday, August 21st** at the Westinghouse Recreation Center on Barclay St. in Forest Hills from 6-8 pm. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm.

We will be using the "Bring-It" site again this year for needed items, so please check the school website in August for this link. PTG will be providing hot dogs. We are looking forward to another great picnic and start of a new school year. Pray for good weather!!



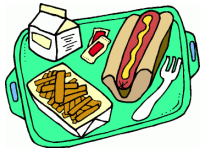
Parent Orientation



To begin the school year on a positive note there will be a parent orientation for families of students in grades K-8 on **Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 7 p.m.** We will meet in the cafeteria and the goals for the year will be shared with all. You will also be able to talk to members of the PTG about the various volunteer and fund raising opportunities. The members of the athletic association will be there to answer your questions. After a short session in the cafeteria, there will be three sessions in the classrooms so that the teachers can share their expectations for the school year with you.

It is important that all parents attend this evening. ***Please do not bring your child because it will be a long evening.***

Cafeteria



Lunch will be served beginning on the first day of school.

Prices, together with the menu for the first week of school, will be sent out via email through Option C.

A complete menu will be distributed on the first day of school and will be posted on the website.

Kindergarten students will receive a complimentary lunch on their first 3 days of school. They will have to purchase lunch on Friday.

Students must have lunch tickets or money in order to purchase lunch or snacks. Students who do not have payment for lunch will be permitted to charge for two days. After that they will be given a peanut butter and jelly sandwich only. **No student will be permitted to charge for snacks.**

Cafeteria Volunteers

Every family is required to volunteer for the cafeteria four times per year or pay \$40 to the PTG. We need at least 3 volunteers for the cafeteria/playground and 2 volunteers for the kitchen beginning on August 28, 2017. Contact Beth Brucker at bethbrucker1@gmail.com and let her know which days you can help. Please provide her with your email address so she can contact you.



Remember that all volunteers need to have all clearances. Go to www.diopitt.org to begin the process. It takes at least 1 month to receive all clearances.

East Catholic Service Club Update



Thank you for making the East Catholic Service Club such a success last year! The club will continue again this year under the direction of Claudia Depner and Elena Pittler. Items will be collected for the Foster Love bag drive again. Look for more information once school starts.

After School Program/Extended Day



The after school program will be accepted on the closing Friday of each week. This available for the 2017-18 school year, from 2:30 - 6:00 p.m., Extended Day room. Parents must pay on a weekly basis or your child will not be permitted to continue in the program. Mrs. Beth Brucker will be returning to supervise the program. You can contact Beth by email at bethbrucker1@gmail.com.

The after school program fees will remain the same this year. **In order to keep the cost of our program down, we ask for donations of group snack items from parents.**

Fees will be \$6.00 per hour, \$17.00 total for one child and \$26.00 total for two children until 6pm. When there is an early dismissal at 12:30 p.m., the cost will be \$27.00 total for the first child and \$42.00 for two children until 6pm. Partial hour charges are \$1.25 for 15 minutes.

Checks, payable to East Catholic School, or cash are accepted. Prepayment for estimated hours is accepted, or a weekly total payment will be your children.

All K-8 East Catholic School children are eligible to use our service. If you are in need of this service occasionally, please complete the registration form and return it to the school office. It is best to have your information on file in the Extended Day room prior to your use of the service.



The afternoon consists of snack, prayer, homework, playtime in the gym, playground or the Parish campus.

Last year was successful and fun and we look forward to another year of spending enjoyable afternoons with your children.



TUITION AND FUNDRAISING

Tuition payments must be up to date before your child can begin school. For new families, if you have not submitted the FACTS tuition form, please do so immediately since the first monthly payment was due in July. If you need a tuition agreement call the school at 412/351-5403.

We have to raise \$135,000 in fundraising for this year. We are asking each family to raise \$400 in fundraising profits during the year by participating in the various fundraisers. There are a number of fundraisers scheduled to help you reach this goal. Please be sure to look at your child's weekly envelope for details of each fundraiser or contact the PTG if you would like to help with fundraising.



DONATIONS

DO YOU WORK FOR A COMPANY THAT GIVES MATCHING GRANTS TO NON-PROFITS OR THAT DONATES MONEY IF YOU VOLUNTEER? MANY COMPANIES DO THIS. CHECK WITH YOUR COMPANY AND PERHAPS YOU COULD GET ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL.

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"Do the Write Thing"

Essay Winners

Congratulations to the following students who were among the winners for their essays in the National Campaign to Stop Violence Challenge, "Do the Write Thing":

Jack Burke, Matthew Best, Harrison Parr, Havana Gomez & Gia Scaglione

Fundraising & PTG News

Here are some of the Fundraisers lined up for this year:

- Mixed Bag
- Entertainment, Enjoy and Kid Stuff Books
- Yankee Candle Sale (Fall & Spring)
- Sarris Candy Sale (Christmas & Easter)
- It's a Wrap Pepperoni Rolls
- Pittsburgh Popcorn
- St. Fidelis Raffle
- East Catholic Gala
- East Catholic Fashion Show

More specific information will be sent home with your child as each fundraisers begins.

Entertainment, Enjoy and Kid Stuff Books

Start asking friends, family, neighbors and co-workers now! We will have the books available by the time school starts. The prices will be \$30 for Entertainment and Enjoy and \$25 for Kid Stuff. Orders can be sent to the office.

Box Tops

We continue to save the Box tops for Education. We receive \$.10 for each box top that is submitted so be sure to send them in to school with your child. We received about \$1,000 this past year.

Continue to send in your **Sunny D** and **Coke Rewards!**

Shop 'n Save

We have been fortunate to have had a number of free assemblies through the SEED program sponsored by Shop 'n Save. Shop 'n Save is still offering the assemblies but they no longer accept paper receipts. Go to the Shop 'n Save website, <http://www.shopnsavefood.com/Education/SEEDProgram/SEEDRegistration.aspx>, register your card and designate East Catholic School as the recipient of the points. They will automatically be added to our account. So be sure to register and to ask your friends and relatives to do the same so that we are able to continue to receive the free assemblies.

Giant Eagle

Please continue to use your Giant Eagle Card when making purchases and be sure that you have designated East Catholic School as the recipient. To do this, go to www.gianteagle.com and click on the Apples for the Students icon. Follow the instructions and put in the code for East Catholic, #1135. The Apples for Students program with Giant Eagle begins at the end of October so be sure that you, your family and friends are registered by then.



Don't forget to return your PTG dues (\$15.00) and directory information.