

Classroom News:

Welcome to 3rd grade! We had a great week back getting to know one another, establishing routines, relearning school expectations. In 3rd grade we are working towards becoming independent thinkers and learners.

Students should be taking home their planner each night. I am asking you to assist me by signing your child's planner each night after they complete their homework. I will also be signing it daily to indicate that they wrote down the correct assignments. In addition to the planner, you should also see their blue "communication folder" come home daily. Please remind your child empty the folder daily and students should return their homework to school on the day it is due.

If your child is planning on being picked up by anyone other than you, please let me know ahead of time.

Volunteering in the classroom/Volgistics - You may log in to Volgistics to find class parties, mystery reader, Sir Fluffington (our beloved class pet) and field trip volunteer opportunities.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the back to school BBQ this week and curriculum night next week.

Curriculum Focus for Next Week:

Next week we will begin many of our introductory units. Below you will find a list of what topics we will likely cover in each subject.

Religion -

- God created human beings in his image
 - Creation as a gift from God & the work of the Holy Spirit
 - Responsibility to care for all of creation
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Reading -

- How does reading gives us superpowers
- Asking/Answering questions
- Access to reading around the world
- Introduce Close Reading to find the main idea and details

Writing -

- Identifying elements of a complete sentence and paragraph
- Adding descriptive words to strengthen writing.
- Identifying key ideas to form paragraphs

Math -

- Place value
- Ways to represent numbers
- Number lines
- Comparing & Ordering numbers

Science/Social Studies -

- What is energy?
- What are the sources of energy?
- What is energy converted into?
- Energy lab stations

School News:

Uniforms - as a reminder this year all uniforms shirts need to have a crest on Wednesday unless your child is wearing a jumper.

Hot Lunch – Please keep in mind that each month's orders must be placed by the 24th of the previous month on the orderlunches.com website (September 24th for October lunches). We are unable to accept late orders. We will let you know when the October menu is available.

Run 4 Cathedral – Our annual jog-a-thon in which Cathedral School students participate to raise funds for enhancements to the school curriculum that would not be able to be funded through the school's operating budget. A major portion of the proceeds raised provides the funding for the school's 20 hour per week art program, in partnership with the Oregon College of Art and Craft. In addition, Run 4 Cathedral provides a portion of the funds for students to participate in Outdoor School and the Oregon Trail Overnight, and fully funds all field trips, in-class presentations, assemblies, student retreats, as well as other curriculum enhancements.

Volunteering/Volgistics - It's very important that all parents (and grandparents, etc.) complete all necessary steps prior to working with our students. The Volgistics database has been set up in such a way that you will not see volunteer opportunities working with students if you do not have a current background check or Called to Protect

status. Contact Mrs. Hatley to find out what requirements you need to complete.

Extended Care - If you plan to use this service, your students must be preregistered. Morning Care begins at 7:00a and After School Care ends at 6:00p. All students will be \$5 for Morning Care, \$12 for After School Care, or \$15 for the full day. All fees will be billed via FACTS at the end of the month.

Car Line - When everyone follows the established procedure the car line runs quickly and efficiently. There are just a few things to remember. No stopping on 18th Street is allowed. You will be ticketed, and frustrated neighbors have been known to call parking enforcement to see that this happens. When the line is running long on Davis it will be extended into the parish parking lot. Cathedral staff will direct you when necessary. When entering 17th Street in the car line, please always approach heading East on Davis, turning right onto 17th. Left turns slow down the line and are not allowed. Parents wishing to wait for their students in the afternoon should park in the parish parking lot, enter the playground through the pedestrian gate and wait in the designated area on the playground. Following these procedures helps Cathedral be a good neighbor to others living and working in our neighborhood, as well as ensures your child's safety.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, September 9 – Back to School BBQ

Thursday, September 15 – Curriculum Night

Tuesday, September 20 – Picture Day

Saturday, September 24 – October lunch order deadline

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