

Laker Newsletter

February 29, 2024

ST. EDWARD ON THE LAKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Hours

7:45AM-3:05PM

Office Hours

7:30AM-3:30PM

1-810-385-4461



Mission Statement

We at St. Edward on-the-Lake Catholic School, work together with our families and community to create a Christ-centered environment which promotes Catholic faith formation, academic excellence, and personal development. Our students will have the opportunity to become confident, independent thinkers, and life-long learners who are responsible to God, to themselves and to society.

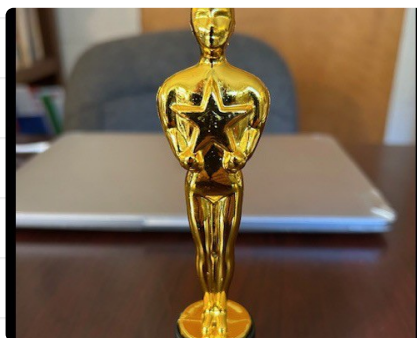
March is Reading Month

We are excited for our upcoming March is Reading Month activities starting tomorrow! This year's theme is: **Hollywood Where Everyone is a Reading Star!** We sent home information on this month's activities and are excited to see if our students can reach the school goal of 30,000 minutes read over the course of the month!

March 1st: Books are meant o be READ-Wear RED to school today!

March 4th: Happy Birthday Dr Seuss! Dress Ups as Your Favorite Storybook Character!

March 5th: All Star Reading Day! Wear Your Favorite TEAM Jersey On this Day!



Registration OPEN for 2024-2025 School Year on Monday, March 4th!

Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year will be open for our returning families beginning on Monday, March 4th. This window will be open for our returning families for two weeks. On Monday, March 18th, registration will be open for returning and new families! You can register your child thru our website at: <https://stedwardonthelakeschool.org/tuition/> beginning on Monday.

A REMINDER THAT WHEN YOU REGISTER, YOU DO NOT NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW APPLICATION, AS YOUR CHILD ALREADY ATTENDS OUR SCHOOL. YOU WILL ONLY NEED TO DO A NEW ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR.

If you need any help or have questions, please contact the school office for assistance.

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4th and 5th Grade Track

We will once again be combining with St. Mary McCormick to create a Track and Field Team this Spring. Our combined team will be competing in three track and field meets in May against our other Blue Water Vicariate Schools. A letter went home earlier in the week to our 4th and 5th Graders on this opportunity and can be found below. Forms are due back by Monday, March 4th.

Track Interest Survey Form.docx

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Special Dr Seuss Birthday School Store Session Tomorrow, March 1st

Our school store, The Pier, will be open for business tomorrow afternoon, Friday, March 1st with a special Dr. Seuss Birthday Edition! We will have a number of Dr. Seuss themed items for sale. Each class will have 10 minutes to shop, and items range from fifty cents to three dollars! Monies raised go right back to the school and students. Our most recent school store contribution paid for all of the students to receive a ticket for the play, Beauty and the Beast, which we will be attending on Thursday, March 7th.



Important March Dates To Note March 11th and March 15th

Please be aware that school will not be in session on Monday, March 11th and Friday, March 15th. March 11th is an off site AOD Professional Development Day for our teachers, and March 15th is the end of the 3rd Marking Period and is a Records Day for our teachers. Please make childcare arrangements for these days if needed.

March Happenings

- March
- 1-March is Reading Month Begins!! (See Calendar with activities for each week!)
 - 4-Book Fair Week Begins
 - 4-All School Stations of the Cross with Father Acervo
 - 7-Students Attend Beauty and the Beast Play
 - 9-Bowling Fundraiser at Port Huron Lanes
 - 11-NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS: Teacher Professional Development
 - 14-Preschool/Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten Round Up 4:00PM-5:30PM
 - 15-End of 3rd Marking Period:Records Day-NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
 - 18-All School Stations of the Cross with Father Acervo
 - 21-PTO Meeting 7:00PM Zoom Mtg.
 - 22-All School Mass with Bishop Fisher 8:00AM
 - March 23-April 2nd Easter Break
 - March 26-Father Acervo Birthday

Next PTO Meeting March 21st

Mark your calendars for our next PTO Meeting, to be held on **Thursday, March 21st at 7:00PM** (March 14th was mentioned at the February Meeting, but the date is the 21st of March). This will be a Zoom Meeting and we will send the link and agenda out when we get closer to the date.

Stations of the Cross

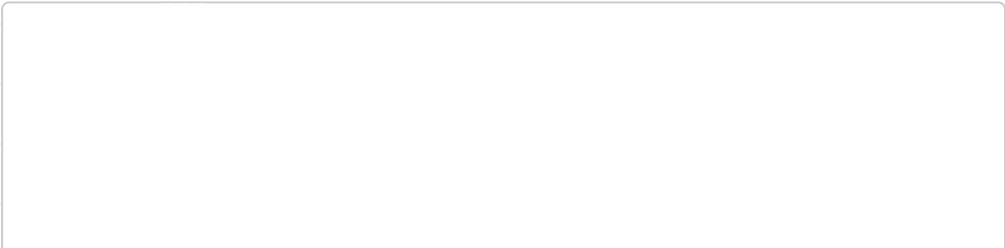
As part of our Lenten activities here at the school, our students and staff will be participating in the Stations of the Cross with Father Acervo. We participated in the stations this past Monday, and will also be going on Monday, March 4th and March 18th at 2:30PM in the Church.

52 Sundays

52 Sundays is a free weekly resource that can help families reclaim Sunday and prioritize time spent with each other and our Lord. Each week you will receive:

- A prayer to grow in faith as a family
- Activities to help bring the lessons of the Gospel to life
- Recipe of the week to make meal planning easier
- And more!

[52 Sundays](#) content is free and fully accessible online, with the option to print each week’s resources. Check out the link below, as there is a ton of information and resources for families



Book Fair Next Week!

Our March is Reading Month Scholastic Book Fair is taking place next week. As we mentioned earlier in February, you can get a jump on creating an account using the information in the attached Book Fair note!

2024 Book Fair.docx

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WHEELBARROW OF *cheer*

We need your help loading up our wheelbarrow with “cheer”! We are hoping to raffle off a fully stocked wheelbarrow during our bowling fundraiser on March 9th! Adult Beverage Donations can be brought to the school office by March 5th. Thank you for your support!



Bowling Fundraiser Saturday, March 9th!

UPDATE: Just a reminder that if you plan on attending this year's bowling fundraiser on Saturday, March 9th, we need your slips and payment by Tuesday, March 5th to the school office. We have attached a flyer to the newsletter below if you need one!

We are looking for your help with our March 9th Bowling Fundraiser! Please see the flyer attached on how to register for the fundraiser! **This is an adult only event**, so bring your friends and adult family members for a fun evening out!

We are still in need of raffle baskets, raffle basket items and lottery tickets for the bowling fundraiser. If you are interested in donating, please send items to the office by Tuesday, March 5th!

Thank you for your help in making this event a successful one for our school!

St Edward on the Lake Bowling Fundraiser.pdf

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Preschool/Transitional Kindergarten/Kinder Open House Thursday, March 14th

On Thursday, March 14th, we will be having our Preschool/Transitional Kindergarten/Kinder Open House here at the school from 4:00PM-5:30PM. If you know of any family that may be interested in having their little ones attend St. Edward on the Lake for the 2024-2025 school year, please be sure to share the attached information below for this introductory activity here at St. Ed's!

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Parent Lunch Aid Volunteers

-Lunch Volunteers:

We are always in need of parent volunteers to assist us in supervising our students during the daily lunch cycle. Our lunch period runs from approximately 11:15-12:35, Monday-Friday. If you are interested in learning more about how you can assist in being a lunch volunteer, please contact us at the office and we can give you more information on how to sign up during the week.

Please find the link below to sign up to be a lunch volunteer during the month of March! We need at least three lunch volunteers each lunch period to cover the lunchroom and recess periods listed above. Thank you for your help with this volunteer opportunity.



March Lunch Volunteers

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

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March Breakfast and Hot Lunch Menus

Please find the March Breakfast and Lunch Menus attached below. For those ordering, you have been receiving a weekly ordering sheet from our cook, that will be due the week before. This will let him know how much to make on a given day, so we appreciate your help with filling that out in a timely manner, now that those are going home.

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Hungry Howies and Jersey Mikes St. Ed Fundraiser Days

Hungry Howies and Jersey Mikes have once again offered to hold monthly fundraiser days where a portion of your sale will come back to our school. We appreciate their support and involvement with our school. Please see the attached flyers and mark the dates each month to go and visit to support our school! Our first Jersey Mikes Day is September 26th and Hungry Howies is September 28th.

St Ed Hungry Howies Fundraiser Days.pdf

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Jersey Mikes Flyer.pdf

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Background Checks and Protecting God's Children Refresher Course Requirements

The AOD Office of Child and Youth Protection has implemented new requirements for all employees and volunteers who work at the school, along with parents wishing to attend field trips with their child during the year. The Protecting God's Children Program and training has been updated and anyone that completed their PGC class prior to January 1, 2020, are required to take a refresher course module online. Those that need to take this module should have received an email, but if you didn't, due to using an older email at the time that is no longer in use, you can go onto the Virtus site at the below address, log into your account, and take the two-hour session. It is self-paced and doesn't need to be completed in one sitting. Once you are done, please print a copy of the certificate for us to have on file here in the office. As was mentioned above, this refresher module will pertain to ALL family members that volunteer at the school, attend field trips, etc. We will have access to the list of people that need the refresher, and will be cross checking before you are allowed to work, volunteer or attend field trips with your child. If you took the PGC class BEFORE January 1, 2020, you will need to take the online refresher module.

You can access the Virtus site at: www.Virtusonline.org

IF YOU HAVE DIFFICULTY ACCESSING YOUR ACCOUNT, WE CAN RETRIEVE YOUR ID AND GIVE YOU A NEW PASSWORD. IF YOU ARE TAKING THE ACTUAL COURSE AND ARE LOGGING IN FOR THE FIRST TIME, YOU WILL NEED TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT BEFORE REGISTERING FOR THE INITIAL COURSE.

-Background Check Forms:

We recently sent home a hard copy Background Check form for our parents to fill out to be background checked. Per new AOD guidelines, everyone involved with our school that volunteers will also need to be background checked every TWO years. In the past, this was done one time, and you were good to go. This is no longer the case, as we look to ensure the utmost safety for our students and staff here at St. Ed's. If you have other extended family that volunteers or attends field trips at our school, they will also need to fill out the form and be background checked as well. If you have not filled this form out yet, please do so and send back to the office. We would like to get these completed this month before field trips and other on-site opportunities take place for our families to take part in. Thank you for your help with this.

VIRTUS® Online

Unless otherwise noted all sessions are conducted in English.

virtusonline.org

2023-2024 School Calendar

Please find a copy of the 2023-2024 St. Edward on the Lake School Calendar below.

St Edward on the Lake Catholic School 2023-2024 School Calendar.pdf

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St Edward on the Lake Facebook Page

Did you know that we have a St Edward on the Lake Facebook Page?

Check us out at the link below! We try to post happenings at the school,. along with some cool pics of the activities going on at St. Ed's during the week!

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063497019809>

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