

Laker Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

SAINT EDWARD ON THE LAKE 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.

STAFF CATECHETICAL DAY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

There will be **NO SCHOOL** next Monday, **September 18th**, as our teachers take part in the AOD Catechetical Day with teachers from across the Archdiocese. Please mark this on your

calendar.

FRIDAY SCHOOL MASS

As most of you are aware, we attended our first School Mass last Friday during school. Per our tradition, we will be going to Mass each Friday during the school year for our 8:00AM School Mass. This is a normally scheduled Mass for the parish, and families are welcome to attend.

Having said that, please know that while you and family members are welcome to attend, we ask that you please sit in the designated areas outside of where we sit as a school and that your child attends with their class. The one exception to this will be Grandparent's Day in November, when our grandparents sit with their grandkids during Mass.

Attending Mass is a learning opportunity for our students in terms of teaching proper etiquette, and promoting independence. It is an extension of our Religion class as well and attending with the class contributes to our school climate. It is also important for our students to sit together with their teacher if there is ever a situation that we need to account for all of our students or need to evacuate the Church during school hours.

We appreciate your help with this, as we look to establish routines here at the start of the school year.

CHESS CLUB

We are looking to resume Chess Club here at St. Ed's, and need your help. If you would be interested in coaching our Chess Club and teaching students how to play, please give us a call. This Club would run after school and could be tailored to meet the schedule of whoever coached. Some of the students that sign up already know how to play, while others would have to be taught. If interested, please give the office a call.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE WINNERS

Congratulations to all of our Summer Reading Challenge Participants! Your dedication to reading over the summer did not go unnoticed. Classroom winners each won a \$50 dollar gift card, while the rest of the students won goodie bags for participating! Keep up the great work during the school year!

Summer Reading Participants:

Fynn W
Billy K
Caroline K
Ellie J

Landon A
Bea-Aline B
Ryder B
Penelope S
Quinn S
Calvin S
Rowan G
Kaileigh D



PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

St. Edward on the Lake Families, including the community, are invited to the Annual St. Edward on the Lake Parish Picnic this Sunday, September 17th. The picnic begins after the 12:00PM Mass with the praying of the rosary together at 1:30. Food, DJ and games begins immediately following at 2:00PM. Please bring fruit or a dessert to share. The games will be for both parents and kids to participate in or just the kids! Mrs. Kata (Billy and Caroline's mom) will be running the games. She is looking for a couple of parents to help out. Please call or text her at 330-715-7218 if you are willing to help. There will also be raffle baskets and a euchre tournament to end the afternoon. Please see a snapshot of the flyer attached.



Parish Picnic Flyer.pdf

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FIRST CROSS COUNTRY MEET TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

Our first Blue Water Vicariate Cross Country Race will be this coming Tuesday, September 19th at 5:30PM at Columbus County Park. Come on out and cheer on our 4th and 5th Grade students, as they race against our other Blue Water schools.

ST. EDWARD ON THE LAKE ONLINE SCHOOL SPIRITWEAR STORE CLOSING TOMORROW!

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Our St. Edward on the Lake School Online Apparel Store through Lakeshore Graphics is now open. **Families will have until September 15th to order** their St. Edward on the Lake gear. We have a lot of different clothing options to choose from, so show your school spirit by picking up a few items at the online store! To order, please visit the site below to place your order. You can also click on the attachment to see the different Spiritwear options.



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2023-2024 St. Edward on the Lake Spiritwear Order Form.pdf

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SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

September

14-Picture Day

18-Archbishop Catechetical Day-No School for Students

19-Cross Country Meet 4th and 5th Grade: Columbus Park 5:30PM

21-PTO Zoom Meeting 7:00PM

26-4th Grade Field Trip: Project R.E.D. Farm Trip

26-Cross Country Meet 4th and 5th Grade: Columbus Park 5:30PM

28-Free Dress Day*

*When last day of month falls on a Friday, due to Mass, we will have Free Dress the day before!

3RD/4TH/5TH GRADE CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER FIELD TRIP

We are "over the moon" for our 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade students to be taking part in the Outer Space Challenger Learning Center Experience at St. Clair Community College in October. This unique hands on "mission-based" experience will put our students thru a number of teamwork-based space missions. Our students will have to be on top of their game to complete the missions given them using their STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) skills. This is an amazing hands on learning opportunity and we are fortunate to be able to attend this activity on Tuesday, October 3rd. More information will be sent out to our 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade families in the next week or two. In the meantime, check out more about the Learning Center at the link below.



About

challenger.sc4.edu

The Challenger Learning Center at St. Clair County Community College (SC4), located in SC4's Experience Center, is part of Challenger Center's network of Challenger Learning Centers. It is one of 40 Challenger Learning Centers nationwide and the only one in Michigan.

PTO MEETING SEPTEMBER 21ST

Our September PTO Meeting will take place on Thursday, September 21st at 7:00PM. This will be a Zoom Meeting, and all families are welcome to attend remotely. Our Fall Fest is coming up quickly and will be one of the many topics discussed at this meeting. Look for a Zoom Link to attend coming out next week!



ST. EDWARD ON THE LAKE FALL FEST

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 6th from 5:00PM-8:00PM for our yearly Fall Fest on the school and parish grounds. This is our major fundraiser of the year and takes all hands on deck for it to be a success. At this past Monday's PTO Organizational Meeting, there was much discussion on the Fall Fest, as we are moving from the planning phase to implementing and procuring items for our many themed gift baskets, the set up of our Children's Fun Zone and securing of the tasty food trucks that we have at this event. As mentioned above, we are always in need of donated items for our different level raffles, and if you are interested in donating an item or service, please contact us at the school office for assistance on how to do that. In the past, we have raffled off a \$500 Dollar Meijer Gift Card, Port Huron Prowlers tickets, University of Michigan Football Tickets, a weekend stay up north, orthodontic services and many more themed baskets and items.

One of our bigger raffled off items every year, is each grade's Art Project Raffle Item. This creative art item is made by each grade with the assistance of our parent volunteers and then raffled off at Fall Fest. If you are art creative and would like to assist at your child's grade with this project, please contact us here in the office, and we will put you in touch with our PTO for additional details.


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 September! 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.



 **September Lunch Volunt...** na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Assistance with lunch supervision is greatly appreciated! Remember to fill out a Family Engagement Program (FEP) slip in the office for the chance to win a prize this month—just a small token of appreciation for volunteering!

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

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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.




BREAKFAST AND HOT LUNCH MENUS

Please find the September 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.



September Breakfast and Lunch Menus.pdf


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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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