



# Whispering Saints Newsletter

## Aug 10, 2023

### Important Dates

**Aug 4,7-9**

**In-Service Days for STCCS Staff**

**Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Day Back with SAINT kids!!! 

**Aug. TBA**

Home & School Association (H&SA) Mtg. (Child Care Available)

**Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>- Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>**

K – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: STAR 360/ Early Literacy BOY Assessments.

**Aug. TBA**

Board of Trustees Mtg. pm

**Aug. <sup>nd</sup> – TBA<sup>h</sup>**

“Scholastic Book Fair” in our Specials Room

“Fun/Spirit Week Activities” **Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>** – 90s Day

**Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>** – 80s Day

**Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>** – 70s Day

**Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>** – 60s Day

**Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>** – 50s Day

**Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>**

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL

**Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>**

Home & School Association (H&SA) Mtg. TBA pm (Child Care Available)

**Sept. TBA**

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital Math-a Thon Campaign

**Sept. TBA**

Fall Individual Picture Day

**Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>**

St. Jude Parish - Youth Night

At 6:30 - 7:30 ages 12-14

**Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>**

Fall Parent/Teacher

Conferences – NO SCHOOL FOR SAINT KIDS

**Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>**

Staff In-Service Day – NO SCHOOL FOR SAINT KIDS

Bienvenidos de Nuevo!

The staff and faculty of St. Frances Cabrini Catholic School wants to welcome all SAINT students, parents, and guardians, to the 2023-24 school year! This year is for academic excellence and a fun year for STFCCS! It will be a peaceful and exciting year for the entire community. Our learning area environment is safe and protected. We welcome everyone. We have top notch teachers who are willing and ready to provide the best education for each Saint student in our school. Our school will be small this year and that will afford us the opportunity to provide much more individualized attention. Our little saints will grow exponentially in reading, writing, science, and math! You will be receiving exciting monthly newsletters, authorized “Whispering Saints Newsletters” From the beginning to the end of the year. We also welcome your ideas and suggestions, and we will journey together. Thanks, and God bless you all.

**Rev Fr. Marcel Okonkwo (PHD)  
Principal**

MEET OUR STAFF!

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our staff members as we begin this school year. They include:

Preschool Teacher: Ms. Grace Avalos

Pre-School Asst/AM Extended Care: Ms. Bea Millos

Kindergarten Teacher: Mrs. Alicia Chico

1<sup>st</sup> /2<sup>nd</sup> grade Teacher: Mrs. Erin Quinn

3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher: Mrs. Christine Villa-Schlientz

5<sup>th</sup> /6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher: Mrs. Carmen Morales

7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher: Mrs. Sandra Mitchell

Service Plan Interventionist: Mrs. Virginia Gutierrez

Spanish Teacher: Mrs. Kassandra Morales-Coffman

PE/Health Teacher: TBD

Music Teacher: Mr. Howard Hancock

Art Teacher: Mr. Emmett Bratusek

Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Instructional Asst/PM Extended Care: The sisters of Jesus the savior.

Librarian: Mrs. Amanda Kernoham

Custodian/Maintenance: Mr. Luis Salinas

Foster Grandparent: Grandma Honey (Ms. Blaza Madrid)

Secretary/Receptionist: Ms. Bertha Padilla

Vice-Principal: Sr. Noblyne A

Principal: Rev. Dr. Fr. Marcel Okonkwo

Please feel free to contact Sr. Noblyne, should you have questions, concerns, and/or suggestions. We have an excellent staff and are

looking forward to a great year

*New Teachers Sport light*



Quinn :1/2 Grade



Alicia: Kindergarten



Christine: 3/4 Grade



Rev. Dr. Marcel: Principal



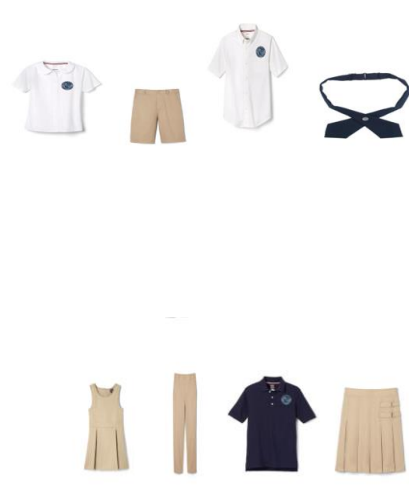
Virginia: Bookkeeping



Luis: Custodian



Amanda Kernohan: Library

| <p><b>St. Frances Cabrini Catholic School</b><br/><b>Uniform Policy</b></p>   | <p><b>Visual of What does my child need to Wear?</b></p>   |
|---|--|
| <p>Please make plans this summer to be ready for the first day of the new school year by purchasing the following uniforms which are readily available at French Toast and Land's End:</p> <p><b>PS-2 Girls</b> will wear a round neck khaki jumper with a white Peter Pan blouse. During the winter weather, girls may add dark blue or black leggings under their jumper and a navy-blue fleece hooded sweatshirt.</p> <p><b>Grades 3- 8 Girls</b> will wear a two-tab skort with a white Peter Pan blouse and crisscross tie-on Mass days and navy-blue polo shirt regularly. During the winter weather, girls may add dark blue or black leggings under their skirt or navy-blue knee socks and a navy-blue fleece hooded sweatshirt.</p> <p><b>PS-grade 2 Boys</b> will wear khaki pants or shorts with navy-blue polo shirts. During winter weather a navy-blue fleece hooded sweatshirt.</p> <p><b>Grade 3-grade 8 Boys</b> will wear khaki pants or shorts with navy-blue polo shirts. On mass day a white button-down shirt with navy-blue tie must be worn. During winter weather a navy-blue fleece hooded sweatshirt.</p> |  <p>The visual shows two rows of clothing items. The top row includes a white short-sleeved polo shirt, a pair of khaki shorts, a white long-sleeved Peter Pan blouse, and a navy blue crisscross tie. The bottom row includes a tan sleeveless jumper, a pair of tan pants, a navy blue polo shirt, and a tan two-tab skort.</p> |

**Academic Success Guide for 2023-2024**

**The following information will help make this school year a successful one:**

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <p>1) <b>Make sure your child attends school every</b></p> | <p>Students cannot keep up with the school</p> |
|--|--|

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>day and on time.</b>   | curriculum if they are not in school. Attendance is one of the most important factors for student success.  |
| 2) <b>Ensure your child eats a healthy breakfast prior to attending school daily.</b> | Please encourage your child to eat breakfast at home daily. The mind requires energy to function, just as much as other physical parts of the body. <u><i>Good nutrition goes along with good learning!</i></u>   |
| 3) <b>Make sure your child completes their homework every evening.</b>                | Homework is assigned to give students additional help. It also provides you with an opportunity to participate in your child's education.   |
| 4) <b>Attend Home &amp; School Association (HSA) meetings.</b>                        | We have a very pro-active Parent Association (Home & School Association) who helps provide educational support throughout our school. We encourage you to get involved with this organization and help when you can. <u><i>Our next HSA meeting is TBA at a later time.</i></u> Meetings last no longer than one hour. Meetings are typically held the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. |
| 5) <b>Please review all materials sent home with your child.</b>                      | Our teachers and Mr. Gonzales send home important information on a regular basis. Every student will have a "Communication" folder which will hold information such as <u><i>progress reports, notes from teachers, report cards, etc. Please review them carefully on a consistent basis.</i></u>  |
|   |   |

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Mass will be held every Friday morning, starting August 11th, beginning at 8 am.</b> |  |
| <b>Important details for this school-wide requirement:</b>                              |  |
| <b>Saint Student Arrival Time Information</b>   |  |
| <b>Mass Attire</b>  |  |
| Saint students have appropriate mass attire per our uniform policy.                     |  |

Mass will be held every Friday morning, starting August 11th, beginning at 8 am at the school compound.

Saint Students will sit with their respective classes and teachers.

At the conclusion of mass, all classes will walk back to our school

Catholic schools are guided by a clearly communicated mission that embraces a Catholic identity rooted in Gospel values, centered on the Eucharist and committed to faith formation, academic excellence and service. They prepare young people to live as Christians in the world and are founded on Jesus Christ.

2

### **STFCCS GOES "PAPERLESS"**

For both financial and environmental purposes, information from our office will all be sent electronically this year. Should you wish for "hard copies", please feel free to contact us and we can make that accommodation for you.

#### **STSFCCS WEBSITE**

[www.stfccatholic.org](http://www.stfccatholic.org)

Please know the website is and will always be a "living and working document". In other words, we are always working on adding, editing, and improving it as the year progresses.

#### **STUDENT SAFETY REMINDER**

**It is our school's policy and procedure that students MUST be signed in or out by a parent/guardian or any ADULT who has been designated and/or allowed to do so, again by the parent/guardian of our Saint students. No MINOR can check in or out a student! This is for the safety and accountability for all our Blessed Saints! Your help, support and understanding to adhere to this procedure is greatly appreciated!!!**

**FIND THE SCHOOL  
ON FACEBOOK!**

<https://www.facebook.com/STFCCatholic/>

**HS&A Meetings are held the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month from  
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Mark your Calendars!**



Did you know your purchases can make a difference?  
AmazonSmile donates to St. Frances Cabrini Catholic School when you do your shopping  
at [smile.amazon.com/ch/85-0199279](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/85-0199279)

Check out our AmazonSmile Charity Lists

4

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*to all our students and staff members celebrating their birthdays in  
August and September! TBA*





## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

### Book Fair Hours

Monday, August 22 - 7:45am – 4:30pm  
 Tuesday, August 23 - 7:45am – 4:30pm  
 Wednesday, August 24 - 7:45am – 4:30pm  
 Thursday, August 25 - 7:45am – 4:30pm  
 Friday, August 26 – 7:45am – 4:30pm

We need your help to make the Scholastic Book Fair a success!

Sign up @

<https://www.signuggenius.com/go/5080C49A5AD23A1F94-fall>



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR SPIRIT DAYS STFCCS GOES BACK IN TIME

| Monday<br>August 22   | Tuesday<br>August 23  | Wednesday<br>August 24  | Thursday<br>August 25  | Friday<br>August 26   |
|---|---|---|--|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Quit trippin' and join the 90's!  | Dress up to the max! 80's   | Be a cool cat! Dress up for the 70's  | Hang loose and split like the 60's!  | Hey ankle-biters come join the 50's greasers!                                       |



5



## ST. FRANCES CABRINI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY PARTNERS PROGRAM

At St. Frances Cabrini Catholic School, we value the support from our community partners. The Community Partners Program is a way to ensure that the needs of our school are being met, and that the community feels connected to the school, and our students and families.

Contact [office@stfccatholic.org](mailto:office@stfccatholic.org) for more info.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

6

2  
0  
2  
3  
-  
2  
0  
2  
4

C  
O  
M  
M  
U  
N  
I  
T  
Y  
  
P  
A  
R  
T  
N  
E  
R  
S

JACK WAYTE  
CONSTRUCTION

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

GIBEAU  
JUNE

MONTOYA & ENRIQUEZ  
FAMILY

VINCENT  
RAY & ELIZABETH

WATERMILL EXPRESS  
THE DUCHENE FAMILY

WIRTA  
IN MEMORY OF  
RITA WIRTA

