



# Cathedral Chapel News

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## A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL MITCHELL

Welcome back to CCS!



Dear CCS Family,

I am honored to officially begin my tenure as the principal of Cathedral Chapel School and would like to thank you for your support, dedication, and belief in our precious school community. Nelson Mandela eloquently commented, "Our children are the rock on which our future will be built and our greatest asset as a nation. They will be the leaders of our country, the creators of our national wealth, and those who care for and protect our people."

It is with this in mind that our faculty & staff dedicate countless hours to provide a Catholic education that supports the development of the whole child. My primary mission is to maintain a safe environment, foster academic excellence, nurture each student's emotional and spiritual growth, and inspire our children to fulfill their purpose in life and reach their full potential.

With your partnership we will continue to cherish our past, celebrate our present, shape our future.

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year!

May God BLESS and keep you.

— Ms. Danielle Mitchell

## YOUR MONTH ~ AT A GLANCE

- 8.11.23.....TK & Kindergarten Meet & Greet from 2:00p - 3:00p
  - 8.16.23.....Back to School! Parents join us for Coffee & Convos
  - 8.22.23.....Classroom Orientation – Please bring your Students
  - 9.7.23.....Back to School Night – Please leave students at home
- The full school calendar is on the back. Please keep it handy for your scheduling needs.*



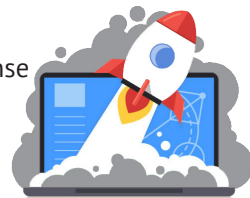
## VIRTUS TRAINING

If you or an adult family member plans to volunteer at CCS, please sign up for a workshop. If you are a new family to

CCS who has never taken a VIRTUS training course, OR it has been more than 4 years since you've taken a VIRTUS workshop, you must complete *Protecting God's Children* to volunteer school/parish activities and chaperone field trips. You will receive **3 service hours** for completion of the workshop – and you'll be able to participate more fully in the Cathedral Chapel School community!

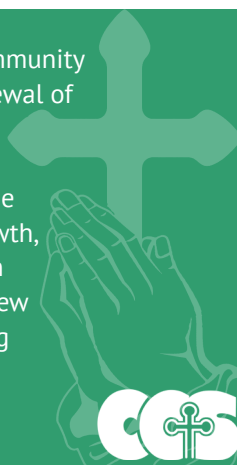
## NEW YEAR, NEW WEBSITE

We quietly launched an all **NEW** website in July, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive! Please keep it bookmarked on your computer for the most up to date information. *(Please be patient with us as we get it running in it's full glory!)*



## PRAYER CORNER

Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather as a community of believers, a family of your children. We thank you for the renewal of the past months and our safe return to this place. We thank you for the promise of the days ahead and for the blessing of your accompaniment. Be with us this year. Open our hearts to become people with and for others. Help us to be studious, open to growth, religious, loving and committed to doing justice. Keep us safe in body and spirit. Give them peace and courage as they begin a new year of classes. Surround them with supportive and encouraging friends. Bless their hard work over the coming months. Surprise them with unexpected moments of joy. Raise up this next generation of leaders and may they reflect Your love. Amen.





## 2023-24 CCS SCHOOL BOARD

Our CCS School Board was established as an advisory board to the Principal. Its purpose is to maintain CCS's vision and financial vitality.

Their help has been invaluable to us, and we're so grateful.

**President:** Gina Ibarrola  
Victor Benedicto  
Charlotte Claiborne  
Frank del Castillo, '80  
Karen Ball Hall, '69  
Gary Herman  
Fran Manion

## COFFEE & CONVOS

Replace those first day of school jitters with coffee jitters, courtesy of your PTO Board.



We'd like to invite you to join us on the CCS campus on the first day of school. For those of you who are new to the school, every day we start the day with prayer and morning assembly. This year, we are kicking off the first day of school with an invitation for parents to join us. Get to know the other parents in your class, begin the new school year with a prayer for your children, and grab a cup of coffee while you do it. The school gates will open at 7:30am, and we'll serve coffee for an hour. Grab a cup, caffeinate and converse to connect.

Wednesday, 8/16 from 7:30a-8:30a

## SAVE THE DATE FOR CLASSROOM ORIENTATION

Mark your calendar (and your kids') for our Classroom Orientation night.

Parents and students should plan on coming to Classroom Orientation Night so that expectations are set and understood by all. This will help your teachers better communicate with you for the upcoming year. Additionally, if you are looking to volunteer as a Room Parent (and snag those 10 hours of volunteer time), this is when you want to be at the school! Both parents/guardians are encouraged to attend if you have multiple children.

Tuesday, 8/22 from 5:00p-6:30p

## GRADELINK



Start the year off with an "A+" on your Gradelink account

With Gradelink you can stay updated on your child's academic progress at school and get information on upcoming assignments such as descriptions and due dates. They also have an app for your convenience! Please make sure that the contact information for each parent/guardian is accurate and up to date – Mrs. Holloway and Ms. Pickett thank you in advance for your help! Additionally, having **all** of your contact information accurate ensures that you will receive timely updates from the school. If you need your login information, please contact the front office.

## CHOICELUNCH

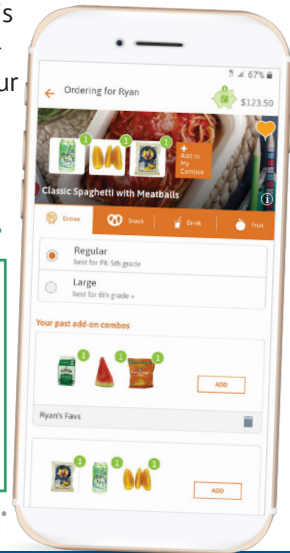
It's a new year, and you've got choices!

ChoiCELUNCH will begin on Monday, August 21st. You can register for your child or children to participate at any time during the year. The menu is posted and active, – and available on your smart phone! The choice is in your hands. Order today!

SCAN TO START



choicelunch



## SAFETY FIRST!

Be drop-off & pick-up ready when school starts. Children safety is all of our concern.

Due to the heavy traffic on 8th Street, Dunsmuir Ave. and Wilshire Blvd., we ask that parents/guardians allow enough time and use caution in dropping off and picking up your children. Please follow the directions of the adult volunteers and do not park your car in the drop off or pick up lanes.

1. Students must be dropped off at the 8th Street gate or the Dunsmuir Avenue gate. Drop off is between 7:30am and 8:00am. Supervision only begins on the yard at 7:30am.
2. Children must wait in the schoolyard before school.
3. Parents are asked to pick up children promptly between 3:00 and 3:30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Pickup is between 12:30 and 1:00pm Wednesday.

K-4 – Dismissal from Dunsmuir Ave.

5-8 – Dismissal from 8th St.

4. Please do not ask or allow your children to run across 8th Street or Cochran to meet you or run to the school building. *It is extremely dangerous.*
5. At **NO TIME** may drivers double park or pull into the school or convent driveways. This is a safety hazard, and it blocks traffic for everyone.
6. Please do not park in the pickup lane. If your child is not available for pickup, you will be asked to drive around the block and re-enter the line.

We are always in need of parent volunteers, so if you are interested, contact the office!

## FROM YOUR NEW STUDENT COUNCIL

Your students voted, many of them even ran - this is the 2023-2024 Student Council.

- President.....Adrienne Martinez
- Vice President .....Isabelle Essig
- Secretary .....Reagan del Pozo
- Treasurer .....Mario Pagliari
- Religious Affairs .....Brandon Han
- Girls Athletics .....Milena Valdez
- Boys Athletics .....Parker Santos
- Safety & Ecology .....Demi Bonilla
- Public Relations .....Kennedy del Pozo
- School Spirit .....Charlotte Escobar

Let's kick the year off with a message from the President...



Hello CCS Family! My name is Adrienne Martinez and I am the Student Council President for this School Year 2023-2024. First of all, I hope everyone has had a relaxing and fabulous summer vacation. In a couple of weeks, we will be back to school. I can't wait to meet our new students, parents, and faculty. Likewise, I look forward to seeing our returning students, parents, faculty and staff. I have been with CCS since kindergarten and as a rising 8th Grader, I am very excited for this upcoming new school year and you should be, too. Let's get ready to have a blast and make this our best year ever!!!

*Adrienne Martinez*  
Student Council President





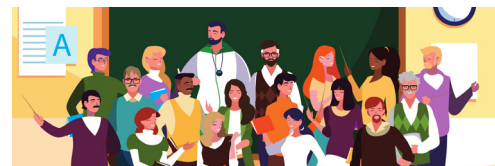
# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

## Meet your new 1st Grade Teacher, Mrs. Zlotolow

Hello parents! My name is Julia Zlotolow, and I am the new first grade teacher at Cathedral Chapel School. I have my Masters in Education Degree from Cal State LA in Reading and have my reading and language specialist certificate. I have my clear multiple subject teaching credential from UCLA and Cal State LA and my BA in Liberal Studies from Cal State LA. I am excited to be your child's new first grade teacher starting in the 2023 to 2024 scholastic school year. I love spending quality time with my husband, Jordan, with my friends, and with my family in my free time. My husband and I enjoy going on long walks down the beach, fishing, playing board games like Hero Quest and Magic the Gathering, playing chess, and making music together on Soundcloud. We are both musicians and he plays multiple instruments including the guitar, drums, and keyboard while I play the violin. We both enjoy singing as well. He and I also enjoy going to amusement parks and events in and around our neighborhood. This summer we are both teaching English to high school students from Italy at Pepperdine University. I'm so excited to start this new school year with you all and can't wait to get to know you better. Have a wonderful summer break and see you all in August!



Love, Mrs. Zlotolow



## YOUR CCS LINE-UP

Meet the faces you'll be seeing around CCS

Pastor .....Father Doan Pham  
Principal.....Ms. Donielle Mitchell

### FACULTY & STAFF

Junior High English & Language Arts  
8th Gr. Homeroom.... Mrs. Barbara Moldavon  
Junior High Math & Science  
7th Gr. Homeroom..... Dr. Cyril Baiyee  
Junior High Social Science & Religion  
6th Gr. Homeroom ..... Mr. Jimmy Zepeda  
5th Grade.....Ms. Joanna Jimenez  
4th Grade..... Mrs. Young Joo Chun  
3rd Grade.....Ms. Norma Anulat  
2nd Grade.....Mrs. Lourdes Valoroso  
1st Grade.....Mrs. Julia Zlotolow  
TK/Kinder..... Ms. Esmeralda Cendejas  
Art ..... Ms. Ingrid Elburg  
Computer ..... Dr. Cyril Baiyee  
Music..... Mr. Zack Hernandez  
Honors Math, Athletic Director  
and 6-8 Phys. Ed.....Mr. Roman del Pozo  
K-5 Phys. Ed .....Mr. Ivan Hernandez  
Reading Resources ... Mrs. Elizabeth Salazar  
Spanish.....*Actively Recruiting*  
Librarian..... Mrs. Alyson Smith  
TK/Kinder Aide .....Mrs. Christina Perez  
Gr. 1-2 Aide.....Mrs. Christina Perez  
Gr. 3-4 Aide.....Mr. Ivan Hernandez  
Gr. 5-6 Aide..... Mrs. Alyson Smith  
Gr. 7-8 Aide ..... Mrs. Alyson Smith

### CLASSIFIED STAFF

Office Manager ..... Ms. Christian Pickett  
Admin. Assistant..... Mrs. Khisna Holloway

### EDC STAFF

Mr. Ivan Hernandez  
Mrs. Christina Perez  
Mrs. Alyson Smith  
Ms. Katrice Clements

### SCHOOL MAINTENANCE

Custodian.....Mr. Martin Ponce

## UNIFORM UPDATE

If you're returning, you're not as prepared as you think... We're kicking this 2023 - 2024 school year off in NEW styles, so be ready!

This year, students will be expected to purchase an updated formal dress uniform to be worn for school Mass days, and any days on the calendar that ask for "perfect dress uniform". All of these new editions can be seen in the school handbook, and purchased from Michael's School Uniforms. If you missed the sale at school, please plan on placing your order as soon as possible so that your student is ready for the first day of school.



## EDC IS BACK! (AND SO ARE YOU!)

Don't worry – you're covered from day 1...

EDC begins on Wednesday, August 16th with the first day back to school. Parents can register for EDC on that date. The cost of EDC in the 2023-2024 school year will be \$150 for 1 child, \$260 for 2 children, and \$360 for 3 children. Occasional day use is \$20 per child per day. EDC is provided from dismissal until 6:00pm. Any students picked up after 6:00pm will have a late fee of \$15 per quarter of an hour – to be paid at the time of pickup. There is a \$25 registration fee per family. If your child cannot be picked up by 3:30pm, you are required to register your child in the EDC Program. Children left on the yard after 3:30 will be charged \$20 per day for special supervision.

## FROM THE PTO

**President:** Allie Cormier

**Vice-President:** Heather Konowal

**Secretary:** Colleen Schweitzer

**Treasurer:** Emily Araujo

**Room Parent Coordinator:** Tula Orum

**Event Coordinator:** Aura Byrd

**SUG Coordinator:** Position Open

**Choice Lunch Coordinator:** Position Open

**Specific Event Chair Positions Open**

Hello from the PTO President! I am so excited to dig in deeper into service at CCS, so don't be surprised to see me at the school. I really believe that being involved means a better CCS experience for us all. I've spent quite a bit of time meeting with Ms. Mitchell over the summer, and she's **so** ready for this upcoming year, and to be the principal CCS needs. Her enthusiasm for this year is probably why I'm so excited too. **She's got big plans, and so does your PTO.** One of which is **YOU** (yes, you!). **We want you involved. We want to hear from you.** These names of your current board is *just* the core team – but we need people committed to chair events, fundraisers, and everything else that keeps CCS running. So, let's get ready to run with the direwolf pack parents! This is going to be our best year yet.

—Allie Cormier

DIREWOLF DISPATCH  
AUGUST 2023



SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WEDS.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
July 30	July 31 Used Uniform Sale & Michael's School Uniform Sale @ CCS 1:30p - 5:00p 	1	2 Faculty In-Service at Sophia Institute for Professional Development 	3	4	5
6	7	8 Faculty Training: Active Shooter "Stop the Bleed" Training Session 	9	10 PTO 2023-24 School Year Kick-Off Meeting 5:00p - 6:30p 	11  TK/Kindergarten Meet & Greet 2:00p - 3:00p 	12
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20	21	22 School Board Mtg. 4:00p - 5:00p Class Orientation 5:00p - 6:30p 	23 DISMISSAL K - 8 12:30PM - 1:00PM FACULTY MEETING 1:30PM - 3:30PM	24 All School Mass Hosted by the Student Council Full Uniform Day 9:00a - 10:00a 	25	26
27	28	29	30 DISMISSAL K - 8 12:30PM - 1:00PM FACULTY MEETING 1:30PM - 3:30PM	31 Class Mass 8th, 5th, & 1st Gr. Full Uniform Day 9:00a - 10:00a 	Sept. 1	Sept. 2