



Cathedral Chapel News

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A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL MITCHELL



Welcome back to CCS!

Dear CCS Family,

With your support the school year has gotten off to a great start. As we continue to cherish our past and celebrate our present, I am excited to announce some of the initiatives that will shape our future at Cathedral Chapel School such as a community garden and prayer space, vending machines, and water bottle refill stations. In addition to these new features, I am collaborating with the faculty and staff as well as the PTO to bring back the Speech Team, CCS Choir and events such as the Christmas concert, Breakfast with Santa, and the Spring Concert. Our CYO football and volleyball teams have already started preparing for their seasons. Student Council and the CCS Student Ambassadors have already assumed their leadership positions. Soon the Decathlon Team, Chess Club, and Yearbook Club will take flight. These opportunities would not be possible were it not for the dedicated faculty, staff, and parent community. Lastly, as we give thanks for our many blessings let us not forget to pray for the victims of gun violence, homelessness, and natural disasters. They too are our brothers and sisters.

May God BLESS and keep you.

— Ms. Donielle Mitchell

YOUR MONTH ~ AT A GLANCE

- 9.4.23.....Labor Day Holiday! NO SCHOOL!
- 9.6.23.....Lifetouch School Picture Day – **Wear perfect uniform!**
- 9.7.23.....Back to School Night – **Please leave students at home**
- 9.8.23.....Professional Development Day! NO SCHOOL!
- 9.29.23.....Family Fun Night 5:00pm - 8:00pm @ CCS

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 the VIRTUS workshop! Our very own Mrs.

Holloway is officially trained to lead the workshop, and will be hosting the first training of the year on **Thursday, October 19** from 5:30p - 8:30p. Space is limited, so sign up early! You will receive **3 service hours** for completion of the workshop!

GET SOCIAL WITH US

You've seen our new website, but have you checked out our social media lately? Like, Follow, and Subscribe to stay up to date on CCS! twitter.com/CathedralChapel, instagram.com/cathedral_chapel_school, facebook.com/cathedralchapelsschool



PRAYER CORNER

Heavenly and Gracious Father, we give you thanks and praise for your blessings and answered prayer. Hear our humble prayer, Oh Lord. In this month of September, do not forsake your children. Father, Your Holy Word says, *"For I know the plans I have for you. Plans for peace and not of harm, to give you a future and a hope."* Thank you that we can walk uprightly in your love and continued guidance. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, our counsel, advocate, teacher, who lead and direct our paths. May we testify of your love and blessings each and every day. And may we trust you as we await the manifestation of your will in our lives. We pray that you shower your blessings, wisdom and guidance upon our family members and loved ones. Fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may abound in hope. Amen.





WELCOME BACK TO CCS — IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Welcome back to CCS Parents! We hope you had a great first couple of weeks at school and your kids are settling in well!

All parents/guardians are invited to join us on Thursday, September 7th at 7:00pm in the auditorium for Back to School Night. Ms. Mitchell will be presenting on all the amazing things you can expect

from this new school year, introducing the new faculty, and discussing why this school year is set to be the best one yet.

You'll also hear about how you can get better involved at CCS and make a difference in your child's school.

We look forward to seeing you then!



It is required for all parents/guardians to attend, and we kindly ask that your children do not join you.

Thursday, 9/7 from 7:00p-8:30p

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

America's schools have earned over \$950M with Box Tops. It's time for CCS to start scanning, and take their piece of that! Download their app on the Apple Store or get it on Google Play, choose Cathedral Chapel as your school, and scan your receipt! Use the Box Tops app to scan your store receipts for participating products. Your school will automatically earn cash with the Box Tops products you buy.



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The first fundraiser of the year is here, so let's all have some fun!

Family Fun Night gives us the chance to welcome everyone home, and remind others why Cathedral Chapel School excels. So grab your family, friends, and neighbors for an evening of fun, games and activities! Tickets will be available for purchase, and the planning committee is finalizing the food truck(s) for the evening. This is the first fundraiser of the year, and each family will soon be receiving their tickets to sell in their family envelopes. Each family is asked to sell 3 books of 25 tickets each, and the tickets are \$4 each – so start lining up the family and friends that want to help support and buy tickets! Every ticket sold is entered into the opportunity drawing – 1st Prize is \$1000, 2nd Prize is \$500, and 3rd Prize is \$250 cash! Any winners of the prizes need not be present to win. This year, the fundraiser is more crucial to our children's health and safety. Over the summer, your CCS Staff participated in the required safety trainings with the LAPD and LAFD. During the walk-throughs, it became clear that the Safety Kits must be replaced. Additionally, the school was encouraged to purchase an AED unit. The monies raised at this fundraiser will help ensure that the school is up to code, and that each classroom has a Safety Kit for the protection of all students, and an AED unit for the school. We thank you for your assistance fundraising!

Friday, 9/29 from 6:00p-8:00p

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. They also have an app for your convenience! Please make sure that the contact information for each parent and/or guardian is accurate and up to date. 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

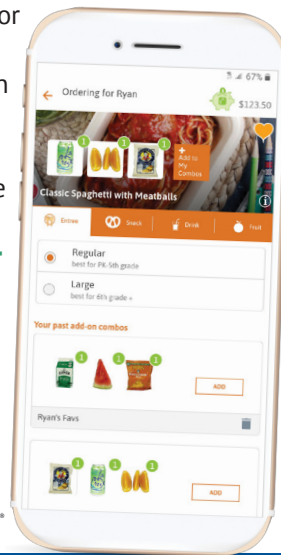
The easy choice when it comes to lunch.

ChoiceLunch has officially begun! 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. We are also actively looking for a volunteer coordinator for ChoiceLunch. If you are interested in service hours doing this, please contact Mrs. Holloway in the front office.

SCAN TO START



choicelunch



Hello, CCS! My name is Reagan del Pozo, and I am your student body secretary for the 2023-24 school year. Ms. Mitchell has been working with the student council so that we can find ways to provide more snacks and beverages to students during the school day. One solution is having vending machines on campus and now they are here for everyone to enjoy. Students are able to get cold drinks and delicious treats quickly during the school day. The money we make from the vending machines will go towards funding the second half of our goal; having water bottle refill stations. Ms. Mitchell is working with our treasurer, Mario Pagliari, to get closer to our goal of having water bottle refill stations. Mario has been sending Ms. Mitchell quotes on different types of water bottle refill stations. Having water bottle refill stations will enable students to get water fast and easily, and will also make our school more eco-friendly. By having vending machines and brand new water bottle refill stations, we will always be prepared in case someone is dehydrated or hungry. I hope you have an amazing day. Thank you!

FROM YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL

Kennedy del Pozo
Public Relations Commissioner

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Meet your new 7th Grade Teacher, Dr. Baiyee

My name is Cyril Mbeng Ayuk Takem Baiyee, born in Cameroon, lived in Lagos, Nigeria as a kid and our family immigrated to Europe and the USA. My Grandmother was my primary caregiver as my mother sought a better life for us overseas. Our family immigrated to Nigeria and lived there for several years then to the USA seeking a better life. Most of my personal life experiences with healthcare in low-income countries motivated me to seek a career in medicine and biomedical engineering. Moreover, experiencing firsthand how poor structural healthcare impacts the quality and longevity of human life motivated me to seek a career in medicine. My short term goals at CCS is to inspire the students to seek careers in higher education especially in Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). My long-term goals have been to lessen the burden of suffering in the community and engage the community through the lens of a comprehensive healthcare system, building more trust, and investing in biomedical devices while making them available in low-income communities. Furthermore, I have a musical soul, I love social dancing, especially salsa, bachata, merengue, afrobeats and ballroom dancing. In addition, I like to collect artifacts when I travel, I love watching anime (naruto is my favorite). I love fashion and design. I get to express my "artsy" spirit. I love to shop when I travel; finding unique items especially in flea markets. Additionally I love to play sports, I play intramural soccer, ski and basketball. I hope to get to know everyone at CCS. Thank You,



Mr. Baiyee

girl scouts

OUR GIRL SCOUTS HAVE BIG UPDATES

Exciting news and updates from Cathedral Chapel School's Girl Scout Troop 70915!

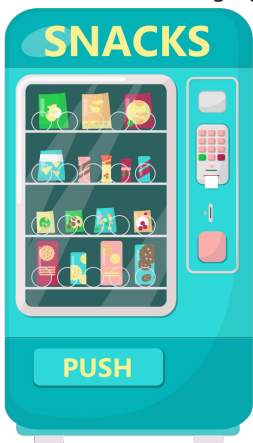
Girl Scout Troop 70915 has limited openings for 3rd graders (at Brownies level), and 4th and 5th graders (the Junior level) this school year!

We kick off our troop meetings with an Investiture and Bridging Ceremony for new and returning Brownies on September 26 at 3PM in the school auditorium. This school year, we have several journeys, field trips, guest speakers, and community service projects available in the areas of science, performing arts, and government. Since we are girl-led, our Girl Scouts will vote and pick our calendar topics in September. And **SPOILER ALERT**, this year, we have BIG plans for a community garden and prayer space at CCS! The possibilities are endless and our Girl Scouts will have the opportunity plan, develop, and use their STEAM skills to see this project come to life! And of course, you'll be hearing more from us when cookie season comes around. **Want more info?** We will have a sign-up sheet and more info at Back to School Night. We will also have a Parent Info Meeting on September 12 at 3PM in the school auditorium with more details and information. If you can't attend, please email us at Troop70915@gmail.com.

THE VENDING MACHINES ARE IN

Students can now shop for healthy snacks

No more fighting the munchies for our students - the highly anticipated project of last years' student council has arrived. If you have joined us for the morning assemblies, you have probably seen them. Our vendor will handle the restocks throughout the year. For now, we are sticking with the healthier options (and the students seem to enjoy them!). All students are able to use the machines from 7:30am-7:55am before school, during their lunch periods, and after school until 3:30pm. Kids in grades 5-8 can also use the machines during recess.



CONSTRUCTION IN OUR LOCAL AREA

Pay attention to all posted signs in the area and give yourself extra time at drop-off.

Construction will be happening around the school from 9/11-9/25 from 9:00a-3:00p. Please plan accordingly to avoid rushing and to keep all of our students safe!



SKATEBOARDING FOR STUDENTS

Does your child want to learn to skateboard? Sign-up to shred and have some fun!

We have enlisted Homage Skateboard Academy to come to CCS and teach our students how to skateboard, or to teach tricks (safely!) to those who are already solid on their skateboards. Class will be held after school on Wednesdays. For more information, or to sign your child up, please contact the front office.



BOY SCOUTS ARE COMING TO CCS

We have heard your requests to bring the Boy Scouts back to CCS

We are looking into bringing a troop to CCS, or using our charter. If you are interested in being the Scout Master, or for your child to join - please contact the office.

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**

This month is when it all really happens. The pre-planning and summer meetings aren't theoretical anymore, they're real, and that includes the upcoming Family Fun Night. I hope that you all mark your calendar and plan to be there, because it is an excellent way to get to know your fellow parents, and to get some volunteer hours for those of you interested. Our room parent coordinator will be in touch about games and booths for the event, but if you're not a room parent and have a stack of lawn games you'd like us to borrow, please let us know! Your contributions to the school add up in terms of your volunteer hours - so don't be shy! Your PTO will also have a booth at Family Fun Night, and your purchase of car decals and shirts will help us with our fundraising objectives.

-Allie Cormier

DIREWOLF DISPATCH
SEPTEMBER '23



SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WEDS.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
Aug. 27	Aug. 28	Aug. 29	Aug. 30	Aug. 31	1	2
			DISMISSAL K - 8 12:30PM - 1:00PM FACULTY MEETING 1:30PM - 3:30PM	 9:00a Class Mass 8th, 5th, & 2nd Gr. <hr/> 3:30p Tryouts for Flag Football & Volleyball 		
3	4  LABOR DAY Labor Day NO SCHOOL 	5	6	7	8	9
			DISMISSAL K - 8 12:30PM - 1:00PM FACULTY MEETING 1:30PM - 3:30PM Picture Day All Students Dress in Perfect Uniform 	 9:00a Class Mass 7th, 4th, & 1st Gr. <hr/> 7:00p Back to School Night Students <i>do not</i> attend. 	Professional Development Day NO SCHOOL 	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
CCS Family Mass 10:00a - 11:00a Student Council is Required to Attend 	3:00p Choir Auditions 		Junior High Field Trip to the Reagan Library DISMISSAL K - 8 12:30PM - 1:00PM FACULTY MEETING 1:30PM - 3:30PM 	All School Mass Hosting: 8th Gr. Full Uniform Day 9:00a - 10:00a 		
SCHOOL HOSTED				ALL SCHOOL		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		3:00p Brownies Investiture & Bridging Ceremony 	DISMISSAL K - 8 12:30PM - 1:00PM FACULTY MEETING 1:30PM - 3:30PM	 9:00a Class Mass 8th, 5th, & 2nd Gr.	Family Fun Night 6:00p - 8:00p 	
		School Board Mtg. 4:00p - 5:00p				