



Cathedral Chapel News

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Dear CCS Families,

We are truly blessed at Cathedral Chapel School and I am thankful for each member of our precious community.

Thank you, faculty and staff. You remain steadfast immovable. You are the glue that holds CCS together. Overworked and underpaid you understand that teaching is a mission. I am so proud to serve with you every day, in the trenches, as we continue to demonstrate why a Catholic education is an advantage for life. **Thank you, parents.** Your ongoing dedication to CCS and the sacrifices that you make do not go unnoticed. As primary educators of your children we appreciate your trust and support. **Thank you, PTO.** Your constructive feedback, enthusiasm, and collaborative efforts resulted in many successful events such as Family Fun Night, Halloween, and our first annual wine tasting. This is just the beginning! **Thank you, school board.** Your guidance, vision, and connection to the CCS alumni has served as a valuable resource. You are a constant reminder that we must cherish our past, celebrate our present, and shape our future. **Thank you, Father Doan & the Cathedral Chapel Parish staff.** We will continue to work together in an effort to walk with our school community along their faith journey. If we teach as Jesus did, I believe that our community will serve as an example that God is LOVE. **Thank you, students.** You are absolutely the reason why I serve CCS. You are the light of the world. You are children of God. You are the heart and soul of Cathedral Chapel School. **I wish you all hope, peace, joy, and love.**

— Ms. Donielle Mitchell

YOUR MONTH ~ AT A GLANCE

- 1.8.24....Welcome Back to School Students!
- 1.12.24...Coffee with the Principal from 7:30a - 8:30a
- 1.15.24...Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- 1.18.24...Science Fair Information Night for ALL Grades
- 1.28.24...Catholic Schools Week Begins! Join us for 10am Mass Followed by Open House at CCS & the Book Fair!

The full school calendar is on the back. Please keep it handy for your scheduling needs.




CALENDAR CONNECTION

Did you know that you can subscribe to the online calendar? Just like on the old website, if you scroll all the way down you'll be able to click subscribe and add the online calendar to your Google Calendar, iCal, or Outlook calendars. It's the best way to stay up to date on all things CCS!



VIRTUS TRAINING

 If you or an adult family member plans to volunteer at CCS, please remember that you will need to undergo the VIRTUS training workshop. Mrs. Holloway is officially trained to lead the workshop, and will be hosting the another training in the new year. You will receive **3 service hours** for completion of the workshop, but space is limited, so when dates are released make sure you sign up quickly!

PRAYER CORNER

Heavenly and Blessed Father, I thank you for the year that's past. You have so blessed my life, even when my faith was lacking. I pray that this month of January will be a month of renewal and growth in my life. Lord, continue to build my faith and trust in you. Lord, I am grateful for the specific blessings You've bestowed upon me in January 2024. Thank You for answered prayers, unexpected favor, and for providing for my needs. Lord God, your spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways. Look upon all teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds. As I anticipate the coming months in 2024, I express my gratitude in advance for the blessings, breakthroughs, and divine favor I believe You have in store for me. I trust in Your faithfulness and provision, dear Lord. **Amen.**





SAFETY FOR THE SCHOOL DRIVING THE PATH FORWARD

We're bringing back the morning safety routine, and we need your help to make it happen! For those of you who have been here for a couple of years, you may remember the morning drop-off volunteers helping keep our kids safe. For those of you who don't remember – now is your chance to get involved.

Parents will soon be receiving a link to the Sign Up Genius for them to sign up (and receive volunteer hours!) to help keep our children safe. To make things easier, we have paired the classes up into teams of two, so that we have a larger pool of parents to fill the necessary **5 volunteer** slots needed each month. We are asking to have one parent at each gate (8th Street and Dunsmuir) and three parents helping inside of the gates. Parents **MUST BE VIRTUS TRAINED**. (There will be another VIRTUS training in the new year as stated on page one of this newsletter, so please keep your eyes out for that.) If you are a parent with a schedule that will allow for it between the hours of 7:15 and 8:15am, this is an excellent opportunity to knock out those service hours! *Additionally, if you have a passion for traffic safety, and would like to sign up for the rest of the school year, please let us know – our PTO formerly had a traffic rep, and would be happy to reinstate said position for the safety of our children.*

THE MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS:

- January..... TK/Kinder & 8th Grade
- February.....1st Grade & 4th Grade
- March.....2nd Grade & 6th Grade
- April.....3rd Grade & 7th Grade
- May.....5th Grade & 6th Grade
- June.....Tk/Kinder & 4th Grade

Sign Up Today: <https://rb.gy/j2qt8r>



WE WANT YOU FOR THE 2024 POPTeam

We've got another way to earn service hours and this one just needs you to be yourself!

The CCS POPTeam is another service project making a comeback in 2024, and we're looking for a few good parents/guardians to help! What's a POPTeam? The POP Team is our Parent Outreach Program. It's a group of parents who are willing to go to different churches or community events as parent representatives for Cathedral Chapel School. We'll arm you with the materials you need to best represent the school in a good light, and all we ask is for your enthusiasm! We know that CCS is the best school around when it comes to academics, and our kids can't be beat – but we need your help in getting the word out there and helping increase enrollment. We know that parents and guardians are our biggest advocates when it comes to the community, so we're asking for your help. Not sure if you'd be a good fit? Are you a member of a church that is NOT affiliated with another school? Do you have a connection to a nursery or preschool or a middle school that ends at 5th/6th grade? Do you have a passion for Cathedral Chapel School and want to shout it from the rooftops? Do you need service hours and enjoy speaking to others? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then POPTeam may be a good fit for you! If you have more questions, join us for Coffee with the Principal in January for answers!

DEADLINE EXTENDED

You now have until January 2, 2024 to provide us with valuable feedback to make CCS even better in the next trimesters!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT ON JASON M. VALOROSO

Jason M. Valoroso has been a part of the Cathedral Chapel School family since 1987. He attended CCS for four years and is a proud member of the Class of 1991. Jason attended Daniel Murphy Catholic High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in liberal arts and elementary education from San Diego State University. Jason returned to Cathedral Chapel School as the fourth grade teacher in January 2007. Mr. Valoroso, or "Mr. Val" as he was known, taught fourth grade at CCS for twelve years and wore many hats aside from teaching: basketball coach for boys and girls teams and student council moderator, to name a few. Jason also met his wife at CCS, Mrs. Lourdes Valoroso, the second grade teacher. Jason's daughter Janneva is currently a third grade student at Chapel. Her brother Logan will be attending Chapel soon. Mr. Valoroso has had many memorable moments at CCS as a student and as a teacher, but what he cherishes the most are the people he spent time with creating those memories! Jason is currently teaching third grade in the Antelope Valley.



FROM YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL



This year has seen quite a few events from your Student Council, and we thank you all for your support! Thanks to all of you our events have been successful and we look forward to continuing them in 2024! Have a wonderful Christmas.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Get to know the 8th Grade Teacher, Mrs. Moldavon

This year marks my 26th year as the junior high ELA teacher and academic decathlon coach here at Cathedral Chapel School. I credit two men in my life with making that happen: my incredible husband of 36 years, Bobby, and my colleague and friend Roman del Pozo—the glue that keeps Cathedral Chapel together and thriving. I feel so blessed to have their unconditional support. I am one of seven siblings from an Irish Catholic family. My parents instilled in all of us a strong sense of family, a passion for education, and a love of sports and arts. Teaching is a second profession for me. I graduated from Alemany High, earned my Bachelor of Arts in History from CSUN and my Juris Doctor from the University of La Verne. In 2005 I earned my Masters in Secondary Education from Loyola Marymount. I have always thought of Cathedral Chapel as the Diamond of the Diocese. Magic happens here, and I'm so happy to be a part of it. We are blessed with amazing students, supportive parents, and a dedicated faculty and staff. I look forward to this year and am inspired by our new principal Ms. Mitchell whose dedication and energy is inspirational. God bless CCS!

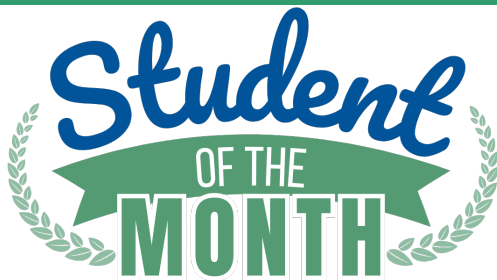


— Mrs. Moldavon



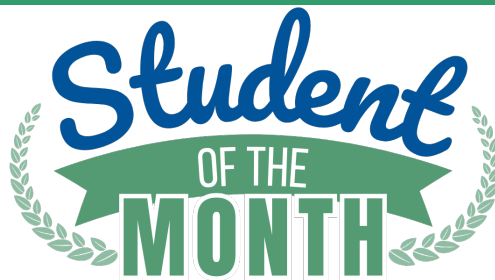
THESE STUDENTS EXEMPLIFIED
RESPONSIBILITY IN THE
MONTH OF OCTOBER

- TK/Kinder Luciana Martinez
- 1st Robert Yates-Williams
- 2nd Sage DeWaal
- 3rd Ethan Pineda
- Raina Kim
- 4th Ripley O'Connor
- 5th Kamya Balaji
- 6th Mekai Manning-Agbola
- Alexa Martinez
- 7th Nathan Samson
- 8th Taylor Lim
- Isdora Vega



THESE STUDENTS EXEMPLIFIED
RESPONSIBILITY IN THE
MONTH OF OCTOBER

- TK/Kinder Valentina Cecenas
- 1st Kenzo Tagne
- 2nd Mathis Monfort
- 3rd Alicia Kim
- August Norwood
- 4th Naomi Samson
- 5th Noah Worku
- Chase Monfort
- 6th Kali Kayode
- 7th Ismael Castaneda
- Olivia Sherman
- 8th Adrienne Martinez
- Kayla Araujo



THESE STUDENTS EXEMPLIFIED
TRUSTWORTHINESS
IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

- TK/Kinder Johnathon Cormier
- 1st Adrian Bautista
- 2nd Jacob Mantoya
- 3rd Asher Byrd
- Adan Kurahashi
- 4th Miguel Hatch
- 5th Darren Lee
- 6th Austin Santos
- 7th Mackenzie Champagne
- 8th Charlotte Escobar
- Kennedy del Pozo



THESE STUDENTS EXEMPLIFIED
TRUSTWORTHINESS IN THE
MONTH OF NOVEMBER

- TK/Kinder Evan Rivera
- 1st Hazel Lee
- 2nd Aiden Lee
- 3rd Marjory Rivas-Figueroa
- Jazmine Johnson
- 4th Nathan Dubon
- 5th Ian De Mendoza
- 6th Eyan Lee
- 7th Hannah Ko
- 8th Ivan Sung
- Milena Valdez



FYI Please remember to fill out your parent surveys! Your voice matters, and you now have until January 2, 2024! Please fill it out ASAP!

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:** Heather Konowal
- Choice Lunch Coordinator:** Position Open
- Specific Event Chair Positions Open**

Wishing you all of the cheer of the season from your PTO board! With this new year, we have many more new opportunities for parent involvement and participation, so we hope to see or hear from those of you with fresh ideas and observations for the school year. Being together with all of you in person at the Christmas show (finally back in person!) was wonderful, and the smiles on the kids faces said it all. This January is full of events (as you'll see on the calendar) and offers you opportunities to really get into the Catholic School Spirit that makes CCS so special. We're hosting another Coffee with the Principal on Friday, January 12th which gives you all the chance to get some one-on-one time with Ms. Mitchell — and caffeinate in the process! We'll also see the return of Catholic Schools Week and the Book Fair, so keep an eye on your emails for volunteer opportunities. **On to 2024!**

— Allie Cormier

DIREWOLF DISPATCH
JANUARY 2024



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SING WITH US: CHRISTMAS STORY 2024

We were so thrilled to bring the much anticipated Christmas Program back in person this year, and the holiday spirit was palpable from all in attendance.

For those of you who were unable to attend in person, we hope that you were able to watch the live stream. For your convenience, we are sharing all

of the links for you to watch it again, share it with your loved ones, or to download the photos. Just click the links below!

[CLICK TO DOWNLOAD / VIEW](#)

Photos: <https://rb.gy/h9p6qt>

Video: <https://rb.gy/n2ncmy>



Catholic Schools Week 2023
Catholic Schools: United in Faith & Community
January 26th - February 28th

Join us for a Special Alumni Mass

January 28th
10:00AM

CATHEDRAL CHAPEL OF ST. VIBIANA
PRESIDER: FATHER JOHN MCGARRY

Our monthly school Mass will be hosted by Mrs. Barbara Moldavon and the Eighth Grade Class. This Mass will launch the celebration of Catholic Schools Week and is dedicated to the alumni of Cathedral Chapel School.

We welcome all Cathedral Chapel School alumni to attend Mass.

The Mass will be followed by the Cathedral Chapel School Open House & Book Fair at 11:30AM.





SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WEDS.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
Dec. 31 1:00 Flag Football vs Christ the King Larchmont Fair 12:00p - 5:00p	1 – NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break 	2 – NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break	3 – NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break	4 – NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break	5 – NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break	6
7	8 Welcome Back to School Students!  STAR Testing Begins for All Students	9  Girl Scout Troop Meeting 3:00pm - 4:30pm	10 DISMISSAL K - 8 12:30PM - 1:00PM Chess Club Meeting Choir Practice	11 9:00a Class Mass 7th, 4th, & 1st.  GRADES — 7,4,1	12 7:30a - 8:30 Coffee with the Principal  COFFEE & CONVOS	13
14	15 – NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Jr. Day 	16  It's Cookie Time! Girl Scout Cookie Season Support Our Troop!	17 DISMISSAL K - 8 12:30PM - 1:00PM Chess Club Meeting Choir Practice	18  ALL SCHOOL 9:00a Class Mass All School Mass PTO Meeting 4:30p - 6:00p  Science Fair Info Night (ALL) 6:00p - 7:30p	19	20 Speech Tournament 
21	22 Read-A-Thon Begins 	23 Junior High Field Trip to Museum of Tolerance  Troop Meeting 3:00pm - 4:30pm 	24 DISMISSAL K - 8 12:30PM - 1:00PM Chess Club Meeting Choir Practice	25 9:00a Class Mass 6th, 3rd, & K/TK  GRADES — 6,3,K	26  REGISTER NOW! Re-Registration for the 2024-25 School Year Begins Progress Reports Sent Home	27
28 CCS Family Mass 10:00a - 11:00a – 8th Grade Hosted – Kicking off Catholic Schools Week – ALL Families Required to Attend  SCHOOL HOSTED	29  Catholic Schools United in Faith and Community Celebrate Your Community  Book Fair Begins on Sunday	30  Catholic Schools United in Faith and Community Celebrate Your Students	31  Celebrate The Nation DISMISSAL K - 8 12:30PM - 1:00PM Chess Club Meeting Choir Practice	Feb. 1  Celebrating Vocations 8:00a-12:00p Open House  12:00p - 1:00p Lunch with Parents/Grands	Feb. 2  Catholic Schools United in Faith and Community Celebrating Staff, Faculty & Volunteers	Feb. 3 Academic Quizbowl at Cathedral High  QUIZ BOWL