



Cathedral Chapel News

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Dear CCS Family,

First and foremost I ask that you please keep kindergartener, Luciana Martinez, as well as Beverly Herman, wife of CCS board member, Gary Herman, in your prayers. *Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that Luciana and Beverly be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* It is with Beverly and Luciana in mind that I truly understand the power of our faith-filled school community. We are called to pray, be of service to others, and spread the Good News. This mission was on full display during Catholic Schools Week. Each day Cathedral Chapel School celebrated various aspects of our faith, demonstrating why a Catholic education is an advantage for life. On Sunday, Jan. 29th we kicked off Catholic Schools Week with a school Mass led by Mrs. Moldavon and the eighth grade class. We invited alumni as well and enjoyed a special homily from CCS alum, Fr. John McGarry. Afterwards our school hosted the first of two open houses, which included tours for perspective families, an alumni reception, and the annual Scholastic Book Fair. We highlighted the full weeks' activities on our social media—check it out! Catholic Schools Week ended on Saturday with a bang. The CCS Decathlon Team competed at the Annual Quiz bowl held at Cathedral High School. After a plethora of effort our team came in **FIRST PLACE!** Thank you all for making Catholic Schools Week a success.

God Bless,

— Ms. Donielle Mitchell

YOUR MONTH ~ AT A GLANCE

2.9.24... **NO SCHOOL** — LAUSD Development Day

2.13.24... CCS Read-A-Thon Ends

and Valentine's Day Celebration in Classes

2.14.24... Ash Wednesday — All School Mass

2.19.24... President's Day — **NO SCHOOL**

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



CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY: FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

One of the reasons CCS is so amazing for students and our community alike is that we celebrate our diversity. This month, we celebrate Black History Month. Black History Month was created to focus attention on the contributions of African Americans to the United States. It honors all Black people from all periods of U.S. history, from the enslaved people first brought over from Africa in the early 17th century to African Americans living in the United States today. It is commonly said that February was selected to encompass the birthdays of two great Americans who played a prominent role in shaping black history, namely Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, whose birthdays are the 12th and the 14th, respectively. We'll be sharing more facts and cultural activities for the school this month, so stay tuned! ***If your family has a cultural celebration or activity you would like to share with the school, please let us know!***

PRAYER CORNER

Lord, When I think about Your love, I am filled with wonder, heavenly comfort and a strength to continue running this race each day You gift me. Your love continues to set my heart upon Your goodness and pulls me in close to You. Your love continually focuses my mind on living each day with You and for You. Your love holds me, it carries me, it sustains me. Thank You for loving me, thank You that nothing can separate me from Your unfailing love. Thank You for my heart's ability to love You in return. Please open my eyes this month to see the truth and depth of Your love. May Your love never cease to amaze me, and may I never take Your love for granted. Thank You, Lord, for the treasure to love You and also to love others. May Your love flow out of me, and please help me to love others well.

I pray I live with joy and peace knowing I am loved by You.

Thank you, God, for Your great love! In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.





SAFETY FOR THE SCHOOL DRIVING THE PATH FORWARD

1st and 4th Grade Parents – We need your help this month
Your participation will help keep our children safe during the morning drop off (and give Ms. Jimenez a much needed break while Mr. Del Pozo is recovering from his recent break)! You received a link in a past email, but it's here for you so you don't have to search

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

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**. 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!

THE MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS:

- 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



INVITE FAMILIES TO ATTEND CCS: BE AN AMBASSADOR & SAVE SOME MONEY

The CCS During our registration for the 2024 –2025 school year, we encourage you to reach out and invite families to join our school community. If you bring a family to CCS for the 2024 – 2025 school year and they are accepted for the next school year, you will receive \$150.00 credit to be applied toward your fundraising fee or your volunteer hours' fee on June 1, 2025. The new school family must stay through June 2025 in order for your family to receive this credit!



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!

ALUM SPOTLIGHT: MRS. KAREN HALL

Mrs. Karen Hall has been a part of the Cathedral Chapel family since entering Kindergarten. She attended CCS all 9 years and graduated in 1969. She loved and learned so much from the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and saddened when they were forced to leave in 1967. She welcomed the Sisters of St. Louis and loves her years at CCS and grateful for the firm foundation she received in her Catholic faith. She graduated Marymount High School in 1973 and enrolled in the Dietetic Program at Cal State Los Angeles, working at St. Joseph's in Burbank and later becoming a Certified Diabetic Educator. She met her husband, Stuart at Ralph's on Third and La Brea while they were both working through college and married in St. John Vianney Chapel in 1977. Karen enrolled their two children, Jennifer and Christopher, in CCS and served as Health Coordinator, Mother's Club Pres., Girl Scout leader, Altar Society President and Chairperson of the Annual Mad Hatter Luncheons. Stuart and Karen moved to Sylmar in 1991 and became very active in the Boy Scout programs. After serving as the Administrative Assistant in the CCS office for 17 years, Mrs. Hall retired and moved full time to Lake Arrowhead in July 2021. Mrs. Hall is happy to return for various school events like Family Fun Night, Alumni events, and Eighth Grade graduations. She believes: **"You may leave CCS, but CCS never leaves you!"**



FROM YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL



Hello! My name is Kennedy del Pozo and I have attended Cathedral Chapel School since the age of four. I currently hold the position of Public Relations on the Student Council. After careful planning and fundraising we have finally purchased our brand new bottle refill stations! Check them out.

I am also a member of our Academic Decathlon Team. This past weekend our team was able to retain the Quiz Bowl trophy with a FIRST PLACE WIN! However, our work has just begun. We are currently preparing for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles competition, which will take place on March 2nd.

Last but not least, I am also a Student Ambassador for my great school and I participate on our CYO sports teams. I love CCS!

Kennedy del Pozo
Public Relations Commissioner

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

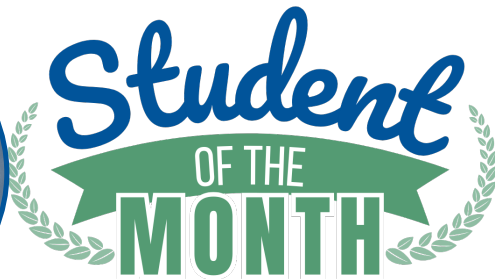
Get to know the TK/K Grade Teacher, Ms. Cendejas

I am a product of Catholic education. My mother made many sacrifices as a single mother to raise three children so we could have a better future. Through my local YMCA, I volunteered at an after-school program and realized my calling was to teach and serve others. I wanted to become an educator and assist in laying down the foundations for my students to reach their full potential.

During my leisure time, I like to travel to see new places and immerse myself in the culture. I find it rewarding. I enjoy the Harry Potter books because I always learn something new. I speak hockey, especially when it comes to the Los Angeles Kings! #GOKINGSGO My world revolves around my nephew, who is my everything.

I am grateful and blessed to all of my parents for their unconditional support, especially the families, who were with me during the pandemic. Together, we overcame so many obstacles.

- Ms. Cendejas



THESE STUDENTS EXEMPLIFIED FAIRNESS IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

TK/Kinder	Wyatt Calderon
1st	Adrian Bautista
2nd	Eliana Zayas
3rd	Jackson Cormier
.....	Sasha Higgins
4th	Audrey Shin
5th	Emma Kwon
6th	Liya Worku
.....	William Kwon
7th	Shon Williams
8th	Maysa Williams
.....	Eligh Vasquez



HOOP IT UP: BASKETBALL

Our schools' basketball season is underway and there's nothing more motivational than having parents and friends alike in the stands to cheer them on.

Our calendar has the games incorporated online and in print, but we encourage you to come on out – support the Direwolves on the court. It's a slam dunk!

Upcoming Games:

- Saturday, February 3rd vs. OMGC (Girls) Game Starts @ 2:00pm at OMGC
- Sunday, February 4th vs. OMGC (Boys) Game Starts @ 2:00pm at St. Brendan
- Monday, February 5th vs. OMGC (Girls) Game Starts @ 2:00pm at OMGC
- Tuesday, February 6th vs. St. Brendan's Game Starts @ 2:00pm at St. Brendan
- Wednesday, February 7th vs. IHM (Boys) Game Starts @ 3:45pm at CCS
- Wednesday, February 14th vs. ICS (LA) Game Starts @ 3:45pm at ICS (LA) Gym
- Sunday, February 18th vs. OL Loretto Game Starts @ 1:00pm at St. Brendan

LOVE FOR LUCIANA SUPPORT A STUDENT

Many of you have noticed an absence in the Kindergarten class. Our own sweet Luciana Martinez, has been absent from school while her family is dealing with her diagnosis of a cancerous brain tumor. At Luciana's young age, life should be filled with laughter, play, and dreams. However, this precious girl is courageously navigating the difficult path of medical treatments, hospital visits, and uncertainty. The whole family has a rough road ahead, with the next year including chemo and radiation, along with having to relearn all her fine motor skills and how to walk. The financial burden of medical expenses, coupled with the emotional toll on her

family, has become overwhelming. If you are able to donate to help them through this time, it would be so appreciated.

DONATE ONLINE:
<https://gofund.me/7b097411>



THESE STUDENTS EXEMPLIFIED FAIRNESS IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

TK/Kinder	Luciana Martinez
1st	Reagan Lopez
2nd	Abigail Shin
3rd	Liam McDaniels-Whalen
.....	Tiffany Kim
4th	Abi Gashaw
5th	Camron Reyes
6th	Alexa Martinez
.....	Jianna Elise Cuevas
7th	Adrianna Ramsey
8th	Yabsera Daniel

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**

Hello Parents! It's hard to believe we're already in February! We're so thankful for all of your patience through this school year, and your dedication to CCS and your unwavering support. Because of all of you, to quote Kamala – "We did it". The water bottle stations are in! Officially. This means clean water for all of your children, and it wouldn't have been possible without all of you. So what's next on the agenda? The options are endless. We'll be working with the school board to see about making some of the bigger improvements to the school, but we can still use your support and help in the fundraisers we have going! The Read-A-Thon goes through the middle of this month, and the Jog-A-Thon will be on it's heels. Your purchases at the Book Fair raised the total of Scholastic Bucks to over \$3000! That's all money that goes directly back to our teachers and the library. So this February missive is just a love note to all of you parents making it happen.

-Allie Cormier

DIREWOLF DISPATCH
FEBRUARY 2024



SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WEDS.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
Jan. 28 CCS Family Mass 10:00a - 11:00a — 8th Grade Hosted — <i>Kicking off Catholic Schools Week — ALL Families Required to Attend</i>  SCHOOL HOSTED	Jan. 29  Catholic Schools United in Faith and Community Celebrate Your Community Progress Reports Sent Home Book Fair Begins on Sunday	Jan. 30  Catholic Schools United in Faith and Community Celebrate Your Students	Jan. 31  Celebrate The Nation DISMISSAL K - 8 12:30PM - 1:00PM Chess Club  Choir Practice Skateboard Academy 	1  Celebrating Vocations 8:00a-12:00p Open House 12:00p - 1:00p Lunch with Parents/Grands Science Fair Info via Zoom 6:00pm	2  Catholic Schools United in Faith and Community Celebrating Staff, Faculty and Volunteers	3  Quiz Bowl at Cathedral High  Girls Basketball Game @ 5:30pm vs. OMGC at OMGC
4  Boys Basketball Game @ 2:00pm vs. OMGC <i>Hosted at St. Brendan School Gym</i>	5  Girls Basketball Game @ 3:45pm <i>Hosted at OMGC</i>	6  Girl Scout Troop Meeting 3:00pm - 4:30pm Girls Basketball Game @ 3:45pm <i>Hosted at St. Brendan</i>	7 DISMISSAL K - 8 12:30PM - 1:00PM Chess Club  Choir Practice Skateboard Academy  3:45pm vs IHM @ Cathedral Chapel.	8 9:00a Class Mass 8th, 5th, & 2nd  GRADES — 8,5,2	9 — NO SCHOOL — LAUSD Professional Development 	10
11  SCHOOL HOSTED CCS Family Mass 10:00a - 11:00a — 4th Grade Hosted —	12	13 Read-a-Thon Ends  Mardi Gras & Valentine's Day Celebration HAPPY Valentine's Day	14  ALL SCHOOL Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday All School Mass DISMISSAL K - 8 12:30PM - 1:00PM Chess Club  Choir Practice Skateboard Acad.  3:45pm vs ICS (LA)	15  PTO Meeting 4:30p - 6:00p	16 TK/K, 1st, & 5th Field Trip: Peterson Museum 	17
18  Boys Basketball Game @ 1:00pm vs. OL Loretto <i>Hosted at St. Brendan School Gym</i>	19  — NO SCHOOL — President's Day	20  Girl Scout Troop Meeting 3:00pm - 4:30pm	21  Junior High Field Trip: La Mirada DISMISSAL K - 8 12:30PM - 1:00PM Chess Club  Choir Practice Skateboard Academy 	22 9:00a Class Mass 7th, 4th, & 1st  GRADES — 7,4,1	23 2:00pm Stations of the Cross  Vision to Learn Screening	24
25	26 Black History Month Program 1:30pm  CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY!	27	28 DISMISSAL K - 8 12:30PM - 1:00PM Chess Club  Choir Practice Skateboard Academy 	29 9:00a Class Mass 6th, 3rd, & K/TK  GRADES — 6,3,K	Mar. 1 2:00pm Stations of the Cross 	Mar. 2 Archdiocesan Junior High Decathlon 