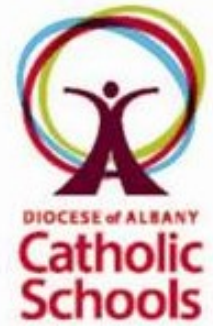




St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish School

Joyfully nurturing Knowledge and Faith

September 2019 Newsletter



September Schedule At A Glance

- September 4: First Day of School
- September 5 at 6:30 at 2216 Rosa Rd.: School Board Meeting
- Monday, September 9 at 6:30: PTO Meeting
- Friday, September 13 at 10:00 School Mass at the St. Kateri Shrine in Fonda NY for Grades K-5. Fifth grade retreat to follow.
- Tuesday, September 17: Blaze Pizza Fundraiser
- Tuesday, September 17: Back to School Night from 5:30—7:30
- Tuesday, September 24: Spirit Day! Bring in a \$1.00 donation, wear green and support the St. Kateri Shrine in Fonda, NY
- Wednesday, September 25: Band Forms due
- Friday, September 27: PTO Family Movie Night at 6:30.

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, October 18 Fall Festival at the school

Message from Mrs. Grimmer

Dear Families,

Welcome! September has the feeling of a New Year's celebration. We are looking forward to a year of learning, prayer, friendships, and celebrations. Thank you for being part of the St. Kateri Family.

I am so excited to share the news of TWO grants that St. Kateri School has received.

We are one of 5 diocesan schools who will be implementing the PAX program in grades K-5 this year. PAX is a positive behavior program that helps children build skills in self-regulation, conflict resolution, and leadership. Be listening for your child to say, "I am a PAX leader." Please read more information on page 2 of this newsletter.

In addition, we were awarded a Higher Powered Learning Grant from the Catholic Schools Office to offer "Cyber Spanish" this year to our students. We will be offering an online program in our Google Chrome lab. Stay tuned for details, and please thank Ms. Cheryl Steinhorst who wrote the grant for our school.

Please note the important dates in September. Our first school board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 5 at 6:30 pm. These meetings are held at our Rosa Rd. site. We will celebrate the liturgy together at 6:00 pm in the church and then hold our meeting in the office conference room. All are welcome.

Thank you again for sharing your children with us. It is an honor to serve your children and help you to guide them in their growth and development.

Blessings and Peace,



We're Going Back To School





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Our Mission

“We are an Evangelizing Roman Catholic Community of Christ’s Disciples that Welcomes All, Prays Joyfully, Grows in Faith and Knowledge, Proclaims God’s Kingdom, Acts Justly.” This is our mission.

Morning Routine:

- Please make sure your child arrives between 8:00 and 8:20 each day
- Students who arrive at 7:45 will go to the gym or the cafeteria for breakfast
- Nursery & PreK students may walk to the classroom with their families beginning at 8:00 am
- Kindergarten— Grade 5 students should independently walk to their classrooms beginning at 8:00 am
- All family members should exit the building by 8:20 so we may begin our academic day



Spirit Days!

The purpose of Spirit Days is to come together as a community and perform a Work of Mercy through Service. Each month we select a different charity or organization to support.

How to participate: You will receive a flyer announcing the spirit day. Send the form back with a \$1.00 contribution. We give a color for each charity; children may wear that color and any accompanying clothing. For example, we are wearing green to honor St. Kateri, the patron saint of ecology. Children may wear a green shirt and jeans or a pink shirt and green pants. Have fun!

Please help us teach the children the value of service through your participation!



Trivia Questions

Grades 4 and 5: A school has 17 tables in the cafeteria. Each table seats 12 students. What is the greatest number of students that can be seated at these tables? Answer in a complete sentence and show your work.

Grades 2 and 3: 12 trains pull into the train station. 12 more trains arrive. How many trains are at the train station? Write a sentence and draw a picture to show your work.

Grade 1: On a rainy day Liz counted 6 blue umbrellas and some red umbrellas. If Liz saw 11 umbrellas in all, how many were red? Draw a picture showing your work.

Grades Pre-K and K: With a family member, close your eyes and pull out some socks from your drawer. Have your family member do the same. Count the socks. Who has more? Draw a picture showing who has more.

Reward: dress down coupon!

Due date: September 20^h



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Dear Parents:

Imagine there was a simple, inexpensive tool that could improve the futures for children in school, at home, and for the rest of their lives. Your child's teacher will be using such a tool this year, and it is called the PAX Good Behavior Game.

The PAX Good Behavior Game is an evidence-based practice that your child's teacher will use during regular instruction time to encourage engagement, reduce disruptions, and help children focus on the task at hand. Classrooms that use PAX typically show a 70% reduction in disruptions while also increasing time for meaningful instruction and learning.

The increased self-regulation that children get from getting the PAX Good Behavior Game at school improves lifetime outcomes including: increased graduation and college entrance rates, increased lifetime earnings, decreased risk for drug misuse, and decreased risk for mental, emotional, behavioral disorders. PAX increases the Peace, Productivity, Health, and Happiness in every community.

In the coming weeks, you will receive information on each strategy we are using in our classroom. These handouts will provide a brief overview of the strategy, the immediate benefits, lifetime outcomes, and ways you can use support PAX at home.

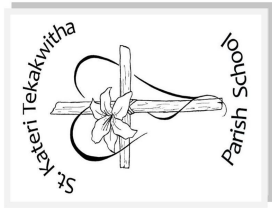
Please visit www.goodbehaviorgame.org for more information about PAX as well as implementing PAX strategies at home and in the community!

PAX Hands

PAX Hands
help.

PAX Hands
never hurt.





September



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Mass Union St. 10:00 Rosa Rd. 8:30 & 11:30	2 LABOR DAY	3 Superintendent Conference Day	4 First Day of School	5 School Board Meeting 6:30	6 School Board Meeting 6:30	7 Mass Union St. 4:30
8 Mass Union St. 10:00 Rosa Rd. 8:30 & 11:30	9 PTO Meeting at 6:30	10 Hometown Dental Week	11 Hometown Dental Week	12 Hometown Dental Week	13 10 AM—Mass at the St. Kateri Shrine in Fonda K-5 5th Grade Retreat	14 Mass Union St. 4:30
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22/29 Mass Union St. 10:00 Rosa Rd. 8:30 & 11:30	23/30 Back to School Night 5:30—7:30	24 Spirit Day to benefit St. Kateri Shrine Wear Green!	25 Band Demo Grades 1—5 9:00	26 Band Registration forms due	27 PTO Family Movie Night 6:30	28 Mass Union St. 4:30